

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1764

By: Kerbs and Hall of the House
and
Hamilton of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to public lands; amending Section 1,
7 Chapter 175, O.S.L. 2024 (64 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section
8 1097), which relates to unauthorized camps;
9 prohibiting use of county- or municipal-owned lands
10 for unauthorized camps; authorizing counties and
11 municipalities to opt out of prohibition; and
12 providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 175, O.S.L.
15 2024 (64 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1097), is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Section 1097. A. As used in this section, "unauthorized camp"
18 means any tent, shelter, or bedding constructed or arranged for the
19 purpose of or in such a way to permit overnight use on a property
20 not designated as a campsite.

21 B. Persons may not use state-owned, county-owned, or municipal-
22 owned lands for the purposes of establishing an unauthorized camp.

23 C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section
24 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the

1 county jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine
2 and imprisonment. However, a person who commits a first violation
3 of this section shall be issued a warning, and a citation may not be
4 issued unless the person refuses any assistance offered to them by
5 the arresting officer. Such assistance may include, but is not
6 limited to, transportation to a shelter, food pantry, or other place
7 where resources are made available to assist the indigent and
8 homeless.

9 D. The governing body of any county or municipality may opt out
10 of this section by a majority vote of the governing body.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

12 Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2025.

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Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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