

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1764

By: Kerbs and **Hall** of the House

6 and

7 **Hamilton** of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 175, O.S.L.

18 2024 (64 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1097), is amended to read as
19 follows:

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

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

3 C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section
4 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
5 fine not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment in the
6 county jail not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine
7 and imprisonment. However, a person who commits a first violation
8 of this section shall be issued a warning, and a citation may not be
9 issued unless the person refuses any assistance offered to them by
10 the arresting officer. Such assistance may include, but is not
11 limited to, transportation to a shelter, food pantry, or other place
12 where resources are made available to assist the indigent and
13 homeless.

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

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
OVERSIGHT, dated 03/06/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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