



House Bill No. 6982

Public Act No. 25-74

***AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR INJURIES INHERENT IN
CAMPING WHILE AT A PRIVATE CAMPGROUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Camper" means any person who uses a private campground for the purpose of camping or recreational vehicle camping;

(2) "Camping" means all aspects of visiting, staying at, using and leaving a private campground, including the use of lodging of all types while at a private campground; and

(3) "Private campground" means any parcel or tract of land, including buildings and other structures on such land, that is owned or operated by a private property owner where five or more campsites are made available for use as temporary living quarters for recreational camping, travel or seasonal use. "Private campground" includes recreational vehicle parks operated by a private property owner.

(b) Each camper shall assume the risk for any injury to their person arising out of the hazards inherent in camping.

(c) Nothing in subsection (b) of this section shall prevent suit or limit

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the liability of a private campground owner or operator who in the operation of the private campground: (1) Commits an act or omission that constitutes negligence; (2) intentionally causes the injury of another person; (3) acts with a disregard for the safety of the person injured; (4) fails to use a degree of care that an ordinarily careful prudent person would use under similar circumstances; or (5) fails to conspicuously post warning signs of a condition known to be dangerous at the private campground.

(d) Any written contract between a private campground owner and a camper, or an employee or officer of a private campground owner and a camper, shall contain in clearly readable print, a warning notice stating that each camper shall assume the risk for any injury to their person arising out of the hazards inherent in camping.