
Wisconsin Legislative Council

AMENDMENT MEMO



Memo published: June 13, 2025

Contact: David Moore, Principal Attorney

2025 Senate Bill 235

Senate Amendment 1

2025 SENATE BILL 235

2025 Senate Bill 35 specifies that ch. 704, Stats., Wisconsin's landlord-tenant law, does not apply to an occupant, guest, or guest of an occupant or guest of a campground or camping resort that is licensed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) under s. 97.67, Stats.

The bill also created a new crime of criminal trespass to a campground. Specifically, that crime prohibits entering a campground or remaining on campground premises without the consent of the operator of the campground. A campground operator may provide a written request to a person who has entered or remained on the premises of the campground without the campground operator's consent to immediately depart. A person who fails to immediately depart after receiving such a request may be fined up to \$100 or imprisoned for up to 30 days, or both. Additionally, a law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that a person has violated this prohibition must arrest and take the person into custody.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 removes the crime of criminal trespass to a campground, and instead specifies that the existing offense of trespass to land applies to a person who enters or remains on the premises of a campground¹ after having been notified not to enter or remain on the premises or after having been notified that the owner or operator has withdrawn consent for the person to enter or remain on the premises. Under existing law, a person who trespasses to land is subject to a Class B forfeiture.

The amendment also allows a law enforcement officer, at the request of the campground owner or operator, to assist in removing from the premises a person who trespasses to a campground.

The amendment retains the provision in the bill that specifies that ch. 704, Stats., does not apply to an occupant, guest, or guest of an occupant or guest of a campground or camping resort that is licensed by DATCP.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Jacque offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 235 on June 10, 2025. On June 12, 2025, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

DM:jal

¹ For purposes of this prohibition, "campground" means a campground or camping resort licensed by DATCP under s. 97.67, Stats., but does not include a campground established by the Department of Natural Resources under s. 27.01 (10), Stats.