



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 259

May 19, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives DALLMAN, BEHNKE, GREEN, DITTRICH, PENTERMAN, PETERSEN and MELOTIK, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE and NASS. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 968.07 (1m); *to create* 704.96 and 943.147 of the statutes;
- 2 **relating to:** criminal trespass at a campground and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits persons from entering or remaining at a campground without the consent of the campground's operator. A campground operator may provide a written request to a person who has entered or remained on the premises of a campground without the consent of the campground operator to immediately depart from the campground. A person who fails to immediately depart from a campground upon receipt of the request to depart shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and the person may be fined not more than \$100 dollars or imprisoned in county jail for not more than 30 days, or both. The bill requires a law enforcement officer to arrest and take a person into custody if the law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the person has not departed from the campground after receiving the request to depart.

The bill also provides that the landlord tenant laws in chapter 704, Wis. Stats. do not apply to an occupant, guest, or guest of an occupant or guest of a campground.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

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For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 704.96 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **704.96 Campground occupants and guests.** (1) This chapter does not
3 apply to an occupant, guest, or guest of an occupant or guest of a campground or
4 camping resort licensed under s. 97.67.

5 (2) This section does not affect rights related to individuals in a manufactured
6 and mobile home community as defined in s. 66.0435 (1) (cg), or rights related to
7 individuals who enter into a campground contract as defined in s. 707.02 (6).

8 **SECTION 2.** 943.147 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **943.147 Criminal trespass to campground or camping resort.** (1) In
10 this section, “campground” means a campground or camping resort licensed under
11 s. 97.67.

12 (2) (a) No person shall enter a campground or remain on campground
13 premises without the consent of the operator of the campground.

14 (b) A campground operator may provide a written request to a person who has
15 entered or remained on the premises of a campground without the consent of the
16 campground operator to immediately depart from the campground.

17 (c) A person who fails to immediately depart from a campground after he or
18 she has received a request under par. (b) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and the
19 person may be fined not more than \$100 dollars or imprisoned in county jail for not
20 more than 30 days, or both.

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SECTION 2

1 **(3)** A law enforcement officer shall arrest and take a person into custody if the
2 law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that the person has violated
3 sub. (2) (c).

4 **SECTION 3.** 968.07 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 968.07 **(1m)** Notwithstanding sub. (1), a law enforcement officer shall arrest
6 a person when required to do so under s. 813.12 (7), 813.122 (10), 813.125 (6),
7 813.128 (3g) (b), ~~943.147 (3)~~, or 968.075 (2) (a) or (5) (e).

8 (END)