

HOUSE BILL NO. 440

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF RESERVED CAMPSITES IN STATE PARKS, RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND PUBLIC CAMPING GROUNDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS; AND CLARIFYING WHEN A MULTIPLE-DAY CAMPSITE RESERVATION IS CANCELED."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Reserved camp sites -- limits. (1) ~~No~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4), no more than 80% of all available campsites may be reserved in a state park, recreational area, or public camping ground with overnight camping.

(2) FOR A MULTIPLE-DAY RESERVATION, IF THE PARTY FAILS TO ARRIVE AT AND CLAIM THE RESERVED CAMPSITE BY 10 A.M. ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE RESERVATION, THE RESERVATION IS CANCELED AND THE CAMPSITE MAY BE FILLED FOR THE DURATION OF THE RESERVATION ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

~~(2)(3)~~ This section applies to all state parks, recreational areas, and public camping grounds under the jurisdiction of the department as provided in 23-1-102 or the board as provided in 23-1-106 and 23-1-111, including fishing access sites if the site allows for overnight camping.

(4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RIVER SYSTEM WHERE CAMPING OPPORTUNITY IS LIMITED TO DESIGNATED FLOAT-IN SITES ONLY.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 23, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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