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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 56 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY OWLETT, HAMM, PICKETT, MALONEY, JAMES, ZIMMERMAN  
AND ROWE, MARCH 7, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT, MARCH 7, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), entitled  
2 "An act establishing a uniform construction code; imposing  
3 powers and duties on municipalities and the Department of  
4 Labor and Industry; providing for enforcement; imposing  
5 penalties; and making repeals," in preliminary provisions,  
6 further providing for definitions and for application.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 103 of the act of November 10, 1999  
10 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code  
11 Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:

12 Section 103. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 "Campground." An area on private property managed primarily  
18 for outdoor recreation purposes where the following amenities  
19 are provided:

- 1           (1) tent or trailer spaces;  
2           (2) cabins for recreational purposes;  
3           (3) drinking water;  
4           (4) an access road;  
5           (5) refuse containers;  
6           (6) toilet facilities;  
7           (7) the personal collection of recreation use fees by an  
8           employee of the campground;  
9           (8) reasonable visitor protection; or  
10           (9) devices for containing fires, if campfires are  
11           permitted in the campground.

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13           Section 2. Section 104(b) of the act is amended by adding a  
14 paragraph to read:

15           Section 104. Application.

16           \* \* \*

17           (b) Exclusions.--This act shall not apply to any of the  
18 following:

19           \* \* \*

20           (11) A pre-engineered and prefabricated cabin intended  
21           for recreational purposes on a campground which is:

22                   (i) Delivered to a campground and placed as an  
23                   already-completed structure.

24                   (ii) Utilized only for recreational activity by the  
25                   general public.

26                   (iii) Not utilized as a domicile or residence for an  
27                   individual for any time period.

28                   (iv) Not greater than one story in height.

29                   (v) Not greater than 750 square feet in total area,  
30                   not including deck or porch areas that are an integral

1 part of prefabrication.

2 (vi) Equipped with at least one smoke detector, one  
3 fire extinguisher and one carbon monoxide detector in  
4 both the kitchen and sleeping quarters.

5 (vii) Installed in accordance with pre-engineered  
6 and prefabricated assembly instructions.

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8 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.