

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 304
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

S.B. 304 strengthens current law regarding criminal trespass for the express purpose of ensuring that campground owners have the tools necessary to remove persons violating stated park rules and to ensure persons do not subvert current criminal trespass laws.

S.B. 304 amends Section 30.05, Penal Code, to include that trespassing on campground property, also defined as recreational vehicle park property, without the proper notification, is considered an offense of a Class B misdemeanor, except that it is a Class A misdemeanor if the person trespasses in a habitation, shelter center, or superfund site, or if the person carries a deadly weapon.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 304 amends the Penal Code to include trespassing in a recreational vehicle park in the criminal trespass statute.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.