

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2701
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds may be subject to a patchwork of varying local standards regarding safety, sanitation, and infrastructure due to a lack of established standards in state law. The bill author further informed the committee that these inconsistencies create regulatory uncertainty and can impose additional costs on developers and operators, making it difficult to expand or build new facilities, particularly for businesses operating in multiple jurisdictions. H.B. 2701 seeks to address this issue by requiring certain privately owned recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds to comply with certain National Fire Protection Association 1194 standards, 2021 edition, as the statewide minimum construction requirement.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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

H.B. 2701 amends the Health and Safety Code to require a recreational vehicle park or campground to comply with certain standards set for such parks and campgrounds by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The bill applies only to a recreational vehicle park or campground consisting of a privately owned parcel or tract of land under the control of a person or entity, other than a governmental entity, on which sites for recreational vehicles, recreational park trailers, or other camping units are offered primarily for transient guest use by members of the public or an organization for overnight stays. A park or campground operating on the bill's effective date is not required to comply with the bill's provisions before September 1, 2026.

H.B. 2701 establishes that a governmental entity may adopt a policy, rule, ordinance, or order to regulate environmental health and sanitation, electrical distribution system safety, liquefied petroleum gas storage and dispensing safety, or fire protection only if the policy, rule, ordinance, or order does not impose standards more stringent than the applicable NFPA standards. The bill defines "governmental entity" as the state, a state agency, or a political subdivision of the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.