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# SENATE BILL 1146

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 33-2102 AND 33-2132, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 33-2102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 33-2102. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Action" includes recoupment, counterclaim, setoff, suit in equity  
7 and any other proceeding in which rights are determined, including an action  
8 for possession.

9 2. "Appurtenances" means awnings, sheds, porches and other attachments  
10 to the recreational vehicle.

11 3. "Change in use" means a change in the use of land from the rental  
12 of recreational vehicle spaces in a recreational vehicle park to some other  
13 use.

14 4. "Compatible" means a recreational vehicle that is in a similar  
15 condition as the majority of the other recreational vehicles in the  
16 recreational vehicle park, as determined by the maintenance, condition and  
17 overall appearance of the recreational vehicle.

18 5. "Factory-built building" means a residential or nonresidential  
19 building, including a dwelling unit or habitable room of the building, that  
20 is either wholly or in substantial part manufactured at an off-site location  
21 to be assembled on site, except that it does not include a manufactured home,  
22 recreational vehicle or mobile home as defined in section 41-2142.

23 6. "Good faith" means honesty in fact in the conduct or transaction  
24 concerned.

25 7. "Guest" means a nonresident of a recreational vehicle park, over  
26 and above the limit set for the resident's space under the terms of the  
27 rental agreement or by park rules, who stays at the home of a person with  
28 constructive possession of the home with the consent of the resident for one  
29 or more nights and not more than fourteen days in any twelve month period.

30 8. "Landlord" means:

31 (a) The owner, lessor, sublessor or operator, or any combination of  
32 these persons, of a recreational vehicle park.

33 (b) A manager of the premises.

34 9. "Mobile home" means either of the following:

35 (a) A residential structure THAT WAS manufactured on or before June  
36 15, 1976, that is transportable in one or more sections, eight feet or more  
37 in body width, over thirty feet in body length with the hitch, built on an  
38 integral chassis, designed to be used as a dwelling when connected to the  
39 required utilities and not originally sold as a travel trailer or  
40 recreational vehicle and that includes the plumbing, heating, air  
41 conditioning and electrical systems in the structure.

42 (b) A manufactured home built after June 15, 1976, originally bearing  
43 an appropriate insignia of approval issued by the United States department of  
44 housing and urban development.

1           10. "Mobile home park" means any parcel of land that contains four or  
2 more mobile home spaces and two or more recreational vehicle spaces.

3           11. "Mobile home space" means a parcel of land for rent that has been  
4 designed to accommodate a mobile home and provide the required sewer and  
5 utility connections.

6           12. "Notice" means delivery by hand or mailed by registered or  
7 certified mail to the last known address of the landlord or tenant. If  
8 notice is mailed by registered or certified mail, the landlord or tenant is  
9 deemed to have received the notice on the date the notice is actually  
10 received or five days after the date the notice is mailed, whichever occurs  
11 first.

12           13. "Organization" includes a corporation, government, governmental  
13 subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or  
14 association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest and any  
15 other legal or commercial entity that is a landlord, owner, manager or  
16 designated agent.

17           14. "Owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is  
18 vested all or part of the legal title to property or all or part of the  
19 beneficial ownership and a right to present use and enjoyment of the  
20 premises. Owner includes a mortgagee in possession.

21           15. "Person" includes a company, partnership or firm as well as a  
22 natural person.

23           16. "Premises" means the recreational vehicle park and existing  
24 facilities and appurtenances in the park, including furniture and utilities,  
25 if applicable, and grounds, areas and existing facilities held out for the  
26 use of tenants generally or whose use is promised to the tenant.

27           17. "Prospective tenant" means a person who expresses an interest to a  
28 landlord in becoming a tenant.

29           18. "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular type unit that is any of  
30 the following:

31           (a) A portable camping trailer mounted on wheels and constructed with  
32 collapsible partial sidewalls that fold for towing by another vehicle and  
33 unfold for camping.

34           (b) A motor home designed to provide temporary living quarters for  
35 recreational, camping or travel use and built on or permanently attached to a  
36 self-propelled motor vehicle chassis or on a chassis cab or van that is an  
37 integral part of the completed vehicle.

38           (c) A park trailer OR PARK MODEL built on a single chassis, mounted on  
39 wheels OR ORIGINALLY MOUNTED ON WHEELS AND FROM WHICH THE WHEELS HAVE BEEN  
40 REMOVED and designed to be connected to utilities necessary for operation of  
41 installed fixtures and appliances and has a gross trailer area of not less  
42 than three hundred twenty square feet and not more than four hundred square  
43 feet when it is set up, except that it does not include fifth wheel trailers.

44           (d) A travel trailer mounted on wheels, designed to provide temporary  
45 living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use and of a size or

1 weight that may or may not require special highway movement permits when  
2 towed by a motorized vehicle and that has a trailer area of less than three  
3 hundred twenty square feet. This ~~paragraph~~ SUBDIVISION includes fifth wheel  
4 trailers. If a unit requires a size or weight permit, it shall be  
5 manufactured to the standards for park trailers in section A 119.5 of the  
6 American national standards institute code.

7 (e) A portable truck camper constructed to provide temporary living  
8 quarters for recreational, camping or travel use and consisting of a roof,  
9 floor and sides designed to be loaded onto and unloaded from the bed of a  
10 pickup truck.

11 19. "Recreational vehicle space" means a parcel of land for rent that  
12 has been designed to accommodate a recreational vehicle and provide the  
13 required sewer and utility connections.

14 20. "Rent" means payments to be made to the landlord or designated  
15 agent in full consideration for the rented premises.

16 21. "Rental agreement" means oral or written leases or agreements and  
17 valid rules embodying the terms and conditions concerning the use and  
18 occupancy of a recreational vehicle space.

19 22. "Resident" means a person entitled under a rental agreement to  
20 occupy a recreational vehicle space to the exclusion of others.

21 23. "Security deposit" means money or property given to assure payment  
22 or performance under a rental agreement.

23 24. "Tenant" means a person signing a rental agreement or otherwise  
24 agreeing with a landlord for the occupancy of a recreational vehicle space  
25 for more than one hundred eighty days.

26 25. "Visitor" means a nonresident of a recreational vehicle park who  
27 stays at the home of a resident with the consent of the resident but does not  
28 stay overnight.

29 Sec. 2. Section 33-2132, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
30 33-2132. Rules

31 A. A landlord shall adopt written rules, however described, concerning  
32 the tenant's use and occupancy of the premises. Rules are enforceable  
33 against the tenant only if:

34 1. They apply to all tenants on the premises in a fair manner.

35 2. They are sufficiently explicit in prohibition, direction or  
36 limitation of the tenant's conduct to fairly inform the tenant of what the  
37 tenant must or must not do to comply.

38 3. They are not for the purpose of evading the obligations of the  
39 landlord.

40 4. The prospective tenant has a copy of the current rules before  
41 entering into the rental agreement.

42 B. If the owner or agent adds, changes, deletes or amends any rule,  
43 the owner or agent shall provide notice in writing of all additions, changes,  
44 deletions or amendments to all tenants thirty days before they become  
45 effective. Any rule or condition of occupancy that is unfair and deceptive

1 or that does not conform to the requirements of this chapter is  
2 unenforceable. A rule adopted after the tenant enters into the rental  
3 agreement is enforceable against the tenant only if the rule does not  
4 substantially modify the rental agreement. For purposes of this subsection,  
5 notice shall be by personal delivery or mailed by first class or certified  
6 mail.

7 C. A landlord shall not:

8 1. Deny rental unless the prospective resident cannot conform to park  
9 rules. A landlord is not required to enter into an initial recreational  
10 vehicle space agreement in excess of one hundred seventy-nine days.

11 2. Charge an exit fee to a tenant whose rental agreement has expired.

12 3. Require a person as a precondition to renting, leasing or otherwise  
13 occupying a recreational vehicle space in a recreational vehicle or mobile  
14 home park to pay an entrance or exit fee, unless the fee is for services that  
15 are actually rendered or pursuant to a written agreement.

16 4. Deny any resident of a recreational vehicle park the right to sell  
17 the recreational vehicle at a price of the resident's own choosing during the  
18 term of the tenant's rental agreement, but the landlord may reserve the right  
19 to approve the purchaser of the recreational vehicle as a tenant. This  
20 permission shall not be unreasonably withheld, except that the landlord may  
21 require, in order to preserve or upgrade the quality of the recreational  
22 vehicle park, that any recreational vehicle not compatible with the other  
23 recreational vehicles in the park, in a rundown condition or in disrepair be  
24 removed from the park within sixty days. **WITHIN TEN DAYS OF A WRITTEN  
25 REQUEST BY THE SELLER OR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, A LANDLORD SHALL NOTIFY THE  
26 SELLER AND THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER IN WRITING OF ANY REASONS FOR  
27 WITHHOLDING APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH. THE NOTICE TO  
28 THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER SHALL IDENTIFY THE REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL WITH  
29 REASONABLE SPECIFICITY. THE NOTICE TO THE SELLER SHALL IDENTIFY THE REASONS  
30 IN SUMMARY FASHION CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE CONSUMER  
31 PROTECTION LAWS AND SHALL INFORM THE SELLER THAT THE SELLER SHOULD CONSULT  
32 WITH THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER FOR MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS.**

33 5. Require an existing tenant to furnish permanent improvements that  
34 cannot be removed without damage to the improvements or to the recreational  
35 vehicle space by a tenant at the expiration of the rental agreement.

36 6. Prohibit a tenant from advertising the sale or exchange of the  
37 tenant's recreational vehicle, **INCLUDING THE DISPLAY OF A "FOR SALE" OR "OPEN  
38 HOUSE" SIGN ON THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE OR IN THE WINDOW OF THE RECREATIONAL  
39 VEHICLE STATING THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE OWNER OR AGENT OF THE  
40 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE. IN ADDITION,** a tenant may display a sign on a central  
41 posting board in the park that is reasonably accessible to the public seven  
42 days a week during daylight hours.

43 **7. REQUIRE A TENANT OR PROSPECTIVE TENANT TO USE ANY SPECIFIC SALES  
44 AGENCY, MANUFACTURER, RETAILER OR BROKER.**

1           D. If a tenant dies, any surviving joint tenant or cotenant continues  
2 as tenant with the same rights, privileges and liabilities as if the  
3 surviving tenant were the original tenant.

4           E. A new tenant who brings a recreational vehicle into a park or who  
5 purchases an existing recreational vehicle or mobile home shall comply with  
6 all rules then in effect.

7           F. A resident may have one person who is at least eighteen years of  
8 age occupy the recreational vehicle on a temporary basis to provide necessary  
9 live-in health care to the resident pursuant to a written treatment plan  
10 prepared by the resident's physician. The landlord may require the resident  
11 to provide a written renewal of the physician's treatment plan every six  
12 months. The landlord shall not charge a fee for the person rendering care.  
13 The person rendering care has no rights of tenancy. Any agreement between  
14 the resident and the person rendering care does not modify the rental  
15 agreement between the landlord and tenant. The person rendering care shall  
16 comply with the rules of the park.