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unlawful camping; stock; wildlife; access

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HOUSE BILL 2197

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 29, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-2931; AMENDING SECTION 17-308, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO WATER ACCESS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 13, chapter 29, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding section 13-2931, to read:

4 13-2931. Unlawful camping; classification

5 A. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO CAMP WITHIN THREE HUNDRED YARDS
6 OF A NATURAL WATER HOLE CONTAINING WATER OR A MAN-MADE WATERING FACILITY
7 CONTAINING WATER IN SUCH A PLACE THAT DOMESTIC STOCK COULD BE DENIED
8 ACCESS.

9 B. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 2
10 MISDEMEANOR.

11 Sec. 2. Section 17-308, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 17-308. Unlawful camping

14 It is unlawful for a person to camp within ~~one-fourth mile~~ THREE
15 HUNDRED YARDS of a natural water hole containing water or a man-made
16 watering facility containing water in such a place that wildlife ~~or~~
17 ~~domestic stock will~~ COULD be denied access ~~to the only reasonably~~
18 ~~available water~~.