

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2517

To impose criminal penalties for camping on public property in the District of Columbia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2025

Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE DIS-**
4 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

5 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “camp”
6 means to use any material to set up, maintain, or establish
7 a temporary place of abode.

8 (b) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful in the District
9 of Columbia to camp on public property.

1 (c) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
2 (b) shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not
3 more than 30 days, or both.

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