



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7033

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***AN ACT PROHIBITING A MUNICIPALITY FROM IMPOSING ANY
PENALTY ON HOMELESS PERSONS FOR PERFORMING ACTIVITIES
OF DAILY LIVING ON PUBLIC LAND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Homeless person" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC
- 3 11302, as amended from time to time;
- 4 (2) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1
- 5 of the general statutes;
- 6 (3) "Public land" means any property that is owned or leased, in
- 7 whole or in part, by any state or local government entity or any property
- 8 upon which there is an easement for public use and that is held open to
- 9 the public, or any federal land where local law enforcement has
- 10 jurisdiction to enforce local laws, including, but not limited to, plazas,
- 11 courtyards, parking lots, sidewalks, the outside area of public
- 12 transportation facilities and services, public buildings, shopping
- 13 centers, underpasses and lands adjacent to roadways and parks. "Public
- 14 land" does not include any school grounds;
- 15 (4) "Recreational vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in
- 16 section 14-1 of the general statutes;

17 (5) "Activities of daily living" includes, but is not limited to, sleeping
18 or resting, eating or preparing food, seeking shelter from extreme
19 weather, accessing medical care and using hygiene facilities; and

20 (6) "Adequate alternative indoor space" means a space that is legally
21 and physically accessible to an individual and that does not require such
22 individual to sacrifice any other personal right afforded to such
23 individual under federal, state or local law.

24 (b) No municipality may enact any ordinance and no person may
25 take any action that infringes upon the right of homeless persons to use
26 public spaces without discrimination based on housing status in
27 accordance with this section, including the right to: (1) Conduct
28 activities of daily living on public land, provided such activities do not
29 obstruct the normal movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic in such
30 a manner that creates a hazard to others, or on private property with the
31 permission of the property owner, unless sufficient adequate alternative
32 indoor space is available to the homeless persons in a given jurisdiction
33 and has been offered to the individual, including transportation for the
34 individual and such individual's belongings; (2) use and move freely in
35 places of public accommodation without discrimination based on actual
36 or perceived housing status; (3) be free from civil or criminal sanctions
37 for soliciting, sharing, accepting or offering food, water, money or other
38 donations in public places; (4) privacy of one's personal property stored
39 in public places to the same degree of privacy as property in a private
40 dwelling, which shall not be subject to unreasonable search and seizure;
41 (5) pray, meditate, worship or practice religion in public spaces; and (6)
42 occupy a motor vehicle or a recreational vehicle, provided such vehicle
43 is parked (A) on public property and is not parked in a position that
44 obstructs the normal movement of traffic or creates a hazard to other
45 traffic upon the highway, or (B) on private property with the permission
46 of the private property owner.

47 (c) Any person or municipality that violates any provision of this
48 section shall be assessed a civil penalty of not less than fifty dollars and
49 not to exceed one hundred dollars, to be fixed by the court, for each

50 offense. The Attorney General, upon the request of any aggrieved
51 person, shall institute a civil action in the Superior Court to recover such
52 penalty.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (b), "individual" was changed to "person" for consistency and in Subsec. (b)(5), the phrase concerning discrimination was deleted as duplicative.

HSG *Joint Favorable Subst.*