



2017 Memorandum in Opposition

Bill: A2909 by Assembly member Stec
S141 by Senator Little

Title: Redefines "campground" for the purposes of the Adirondack park and regulation by the Adirondack park agency; defines such term as a parcel of land with 5 or more campsites, including buildings and accessory structures; provides that recreational vehicles may be kept at a campground or campsite, with the consent of the owner of the campground, during periods of time when they are not in use, so long as they are not used in a manner which violates the campground permit.

The Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) Opposes this Legislation.

This legislation would change the definition of a campground within the Blueline of the Adirondack Park by amending subdivision 10 of Executive Law Section 802. This action would undermine the ability of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to protect the Adirondack Park.

The current definition of "campground" in Section 802 can be used with all six private land use classification types in the Adirondack Park as defined in the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan (APLUDP),¹ including (from most protected to least protected) Resource Management, Rural Use, Low Intensity Use, Moderate Intensity Use, Hamlet, and Industrial Use.²

Unfortunately, A2909/S141 takes the "camp" out of "campground" by removing a "transient occupancy" and "temporary structure" requirement. This legislation would allow structures and unoccupied vehicles to remain in a "campground" for an indefinite amount of time. The changes proposed in A2909/S141 create a new type of year-round recreational development (a de facto densely developed sub-division) that could be applied to any parcel of private land in the Adirondack Park despite its land use classification type. This undermines the ability of APA to protect the Adirondack Park.

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¹ https://apa.ny.gov/Property_Owners/LandUse.html

² <http://arcg.is/2nIHRM1>