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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to recreational vehicle parks;
3 amending s. 513.01, F.S.; defining the term
4 "occupancy"; creating s. 513.013, F.S.; providing
5 legislative intent; providing for the regulation of
6 recreational vehicle parks and recreational camps by
7 the Department of Health; providing uniform standards;
8 creating s. 513.1115, F.S.; providing requirements for
9 the establishment of separation and setback distances
10 in parks; repealing s. 513.111, F.S., relating to the
11 posting of site rental rates, advertising, and
12 penalties; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Present subsections (5) through (11) of section
17 513.01, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6)
18 through (12), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to
19 that section, to read:

20 513.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

21 (5) "Occupancy" means the length of time that a
22 recreational vehicle is occupied by a transient guest and not
23 the length of time that such vehicle is located on the leased
24 recreational vehicle site. A recreational vehicle may be stored
25 and tied down on site when not in use to accommodate the needs
26 of the guest. The attachment of a recreational vehicle to the
27 ground with tie-downs or other removable fasteners, and the
28 attachment of carports, porches, screen rooms, and similar
29 appurtenances with removable attaching devices do not render the

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30 recreational vehicle a permanent part of the recreational
31 vehicle site.

32 Section 2. Section 513.013, Florida Statutes, is created to
33 read:

34 513.013 Regulation of recreational vehicle parks and
35 recreational camps; uniform standards.—

36 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that recreational
37 vehicle parks and recreational camps be regulated uniformly
38 statewide under this chapter. As such, the Department of Health
39 shall administer and enforce, with respect to such parks and
40 camps, laws and rules relating to sanitation, control of
41 communicable diseases, illnesses, and hazards to health among
42 humans and from animals to humans, and the general health of the
43 people of the state.

44 (2) The Department of Health shall develop and enforce
45 standards and procedures for recreational vehicle parks and
46 recreational camps, which must include, but need not be limited
47 to:

48 (a) The design, location, and site sizes for sites in parks
49 and camps, including separation and setback distances
50 established at the time of initial approval of the park or camp.

51 (b) Permit requirements.

52 (c) The inspection of parks and camps to enforce compliance
53 with this chapter.

54 (d) Standards and procedures for the operation of parks and
55 camps, which must include:

56 1. Maintenance of a guest register.

57 2. Occupancy standards for transient rentals in
58 recreational vehicle parks and camps, including recreational

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59 vehicle placements to allow the sizes and types of recreational
60 vehicles defined in s. 320.01.

61 3. Conduct required of a transient guest.

62 4. Procedures to follow for eviction of a transient guest,
63 for a writ of distress, or for a theft of personal property.

64 5. Liability for personal property that is left on site by
65 a transient guest.

66 6. Disposition of unclaimed property.

67 (3) A local governmental action, ordinance, or resolution
68 must be consistent with the uniform standards established by
69 this chapter and department rules. This chapter does not limit
70 the authority of a local government to adopt and enforce land
71 use, building, firesafety, or other regulations.

72 Section 3. Section 513.1115, Florida Statutes, is created
73 to read:

74 513.1115 Placement of recreational vehicles on lots in
75 permitted parks.-

76 (1) Separation distances between recreational vehicle sites
77 must be the distances established at the time of the initial
78 approval of the recreational vehicle park by the department and
79 the local government.

80 (2) Setback distances from the exterior property boundary
81 of the recreational vehicle park must be the setback distances
82 established at the time of the initial approval by the
83 department and the local government.

84 (3) This section does not limit the regulation of the
85 uniform firesafety standards established under s. 633.022.

86 Section 4. Section 513.111, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

87 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.