AN ACT to provide for the registration of persons in camps, tourist homes, tourist rooms, cabins, house trailer camps and other sleeping accommodations for transients; and to provide penalties for violation of the provisions of this act.


The People of the State of Michigan enact:

125.781 Registration of persons in camps, tourist homes; definitions.
Sec. 1. (a) “Camp” shall mean and include the temporary or permanent buildings, tents or other structures, together with the appurtenances appertaining thereto, established or maintained as living quarters for children or adults, or both, operated continuously for a period of 5 days or more, for recreation, education or vacation purposes, on a commercial basis or for charity purposes. The term “camp” shall not be construed to include buildings, tents or other structures maintained by the owner or occupant of a premises used exclusively to house his farm labor.

(b) “Tourist home” shall mean and embrace all buildings or other structures kept, used and maintained as places wherein sleeping accommodations are offered for hire to transient guests, with or without meals, and which are not customarily defined or considered as hotels, inns or lodging homes.

(c) “Tourist room” shall mean and embrace all rooms offered to transient guests for sleeping accommodations, with or without meals. The buildings or structures in which such rooms are located shall be designated as tourist homes.

(d) “Cabin” shall mean and include all buildings, tents or similar structures which are maintained, offered or used for dwelling or sleeping quarters for transients, with or without provisions for cooking, but shall not include what are commonly designated as hotels, inns or lodging homes, and shall not include resort cottages kept primarily for use of the owners and incidentally and occasionally leased for hire.

(e) “House trailer camp” shall mean and include any site, lot or tract of land, excluding trailer coach parks licensed under Act No. 143 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, on which a house car, house trailer, trailer home or similar mobile unit, which may be used for dwelling or sleeping quarters, is placed.


125.782 Register; contents.
Sec. 2. Each owner, operator or employee renting or leasing a camp, tourist home, tourist room, cabin, house trailer camp or other sleeping accommodation to transients shall register each guest. The register shall provide for the name, legal residence, make of car, car license, house trailer license if any, number of accommodations occupied and the date of arrival and departure. The register shall be available at all times for inspection by law enforcement officers for a period of not less than 3 years. Any person furnishing misinformation for purposes of registration shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.


125.783 Violation of act; misdemeanor.
Sec. 3. Any owner, operator or employee of a camp, tourist home, tourist room, cabin, house trailer camp or other sleeping accommodation, who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.


125.784 Enactment under police power.
Sec. 4. In order to assist in the protection of public welfare and safety, this act is enacted under the police power of the state.