

Comments regarding:

HB 2051 "Reduces penalty for crime of criminal trespass in the second degree in certain circumstances"

Comment/Question: This is confusing. Does this mean if someone remains unlawfully on my real property, but they are not hunting, angling, taking or trapping that it's no longer criminal to remain on my property without my permission? Or does it mean something else? In my humble opinion, if someone remains on my property without my permission, what makes this, "sense", to reduce the penalty?

Vagrants, last October, unlawfully occupied property near mine, and whether accidentally or not, set a fire which burned for four hours and cost the property owner \$11,000.00 in fire department fees, and structures were burned down. The property was owned by someone not living in the area, and many neighbors tried to keep them out, they even posted "No Trespassing" signs every 50 feet for the owner and the vagrants continued to "occupy" the empty house. That fire, if not handled correctly could have taken out our entire neighborhood.

If anything, please make trespassing a crime with a stiffer penalty.

Thank you,

Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger
180 Smokey Lane
Grants Pass, OR 97526
(714) 903-6072