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**A BILL**

To enact sections 2911.10 and 2911.23 of the Revised 1  
Code to create the offense of criminal trespass on 2  
a place of public amusement and to clarify the 3  
element of "trespass" in the offenses of 4  
aggravated burglary, burglary, and breaking and 5  
entering. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 2911.10 and 2911.23 of the Revised 7  
Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 2911.10.** As used in sections 2911.11 to 2911.13 of the 9  
Revised Code, the element of trespass refers to a violation of 10  
section 2911.21 of the Revised Code. 11

**Sec. 2911.23.** (A) As used in this section, "place of public 12  
amusement" means a stadium, theater, or other facility, whether 13  
licensed or not, at which a live performance, sporting event, or 14  
other activity takes place for entertainment of the public and to 15  
which access is made available to the public, regardless of 16  
whether admission is charged. 17

(B) No person, without privilege to do so, shall knowingly 18

enter or remain on any restricted portion of a place of public amusement after notice has been given as provided in division (D)(1) of this section that the general public is restricted from access to that restricted portion of the place of public amusement. A restricted portion of a place of public amusement may include, but is not limited to, a playing field, an athletic surface, a stage, a locker room, or a dressing room located at the place of public amusement.

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(C) An owner or lessee of a place of public amusement, an agent of the owner or lessee, or a performer or participant at a place of public amusement may use reasonable force to restrain and remove a trespasser from a restricted portion of the place of public amusement. This division does not provide immunity from criminal liability for any use of force beyond reasonable force by an owner or lessee of a place of public amusement, an agent of either the owner or lessee, or a performer or participant at a place of public amusement.

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(D)(1) Notice has been given that the general public is restricted from access to a portion of a place of public amusement, if any of the following occur:

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(a) The person has been notified personally, either orally or in writing, that access to that portion of the place of public amusement is restricted.

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(b) A printed written notice of the restricted access has been conspicuously posted or exhibited at the entrance to that portion of the place of public amusement.

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(c) An oral warning that access to that portion of the place of public amusement is restricted has been broadcast over the public address system of the place of public amusement.

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(2) If notice that the general public is restricted from access to a portion of a place of public amusement is provided as

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described in division (D)(1)(a), (b), or (c) of this section, the  
state, in a criminal prosecution for a violation of division (B)  
of this section, is not required to prove that the defendant  
received actual notice that the general public is restricted from  
access to a portion of a place of public amusement.

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(E)(1) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is  
guilty of criminal trespass on a place of public amusement, a  
misdemeanor of the first degree.

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(2) In addition to any jail term, fine, or other sentence,  
penalty, or sanction it imposes upon the offender pursuant to  
division (E)(1) of this section, a court may require an offender  
who violates this section to perform not less than thirty and not  
more than one hundred twenty hours of supervised community service  
work.

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