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While this law was likely written under good intention, the it is riddled with loopholes making it more difficult for everyday, tax paying people to just live their lives. For example: (Section 4, 6a) "Public space" means any property that is owned, in whole or in part, by state government or a local government, or upon which there is an easement for public use, and that is held open to the public.

In the case of personal property, this could be an area in front of, or on one's personal property. In such a case, is the legislation suggesting that it is okay, and even safe for those experiencing homeless, to set-up camp, and bring drugs to the doors of our children? That folks can no longer ask people to move from their sidewalks? That parents can no longer ask people experiencing homelessness to move away from their house in order to protect their children? Or that someone who feels unsafe with a stranger outside has no legal recourse?

Additionally, this section in particular feels out of touch with ADA compliance for wheelchair needs, particularly on sidewalks.

The state has poured BILLIONS of tax payer dollars into ensuring there are other resources available for those experiencing homelessness.