

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to state parks; creating s. 258.0145,
 3 F.S.; providing discounts on annual passes for members and
 4 veterans of the United States Armed Forces and reserve
 5 forces and for surviving spouses of certain veterans;
 6 amending s. 258.004, F.S.; providing additional duties of
 7 the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of
 8 Environmental Protection; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Section 258.0145, Florida Statutes, is created
 13 to read:

14 258.0145 Military state park fee discounts.—The Division
 15 of Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on
 16 park fees to persons who present written documentation
 17 satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility
 18 for the discounts:

19 (1) Active duty members and honorably discharged veterans
 20 of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve
 21 components thereof shall receive a 25 percent discount on annual
 22 entrance passes.

23 (2) Honorably discharged veterans who have service-
 24 connected disabilities shall receive lifetime family annual
 25 entrance passes at no charge.

26 (3) Surviving spouses of deceased members of the United
 27 States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components

28 | thereof who have fallen in combat shall receive lifetime family
29 | annual entrance passes at no charge.

30 | Section 2. Subsections (3) through (7) are added to
31 | section 258.004, Florida Statutes, to read:

32 | 258.004 Duties of division.—

33 | (3) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall study and
34 | appraise the recreation needs of the state and assemble and
35 | disseminate information relative to recreation.

36 | (4) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide
37 | consultation assistance to the Department of Community Affairs
38 | and to local governing units as to the protection, organization,
39 | and administration of local recreation systems and the planning
40 | and design of local recreation areas and facilities.

41 | (5) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall assist in
42 | recruiting, training, and placing recreation personnel.

43 | (6) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall sponsor and
44 | promote recreation institutes, workshops, seminars, and
45 | conferences throughout the state.

46 | (7) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall cooperate
47 | with state and federal agencies, private organizations, and
48 | commercial and industrial interests in the promotion of a state
49 | recreation program.

50 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.