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A Bill

SENATE BILL 418

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE STATE PARKS,
9 RECREATION, AND TRAVEL COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE
10 AUTHORITY OF THE STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAVEL
11 COMMISSION RELATED TO FEES FOR SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE
12 THE STATE PARKS DIVISION TO UTILIZE DYNAMIC PRICING
13 FOR EVENTS, SERVICES, AND OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-4-305 is amended to read as follows:

29 22-4-305. Authority of State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission
30 to impose fees for services – Pledge of revenues from fees – Restrictions.

31 (a)(1) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission ~~is~~
32 ~~authorized and directed to~~ shall direct the State Parks Division to prescribe
33 and collect reasonable fees, rates, tolls, and charges for the services,
34 facilities, and commodities rendered by the properties and equipment of the
35 state parks system.

36 (2) The division in coordination with the Secretary of the



1 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall annually develop a schedule
2 of base fees, rates, tolls, charges, and rentals for lodging, camping,
3 events, services, and all other accommodations offered across the state parks
4 system.

5 (3) The division shall submit annually the schedule of fees,
6 rates, tolls, charges, and rentals to the commission for review and approval.

7 (4) The division may increase or decrease approved fees, rates,
8 tolls, charges, and rentals charged for lodging, camping, events, services,
9 and all other accommodations by up to fifty percent (50%) using a dynamic
10 pricing strategy based on market forces such as seasonal variation in demand,
11 occupancy, market analysis, and special event interest in order to maximize
12 revenues from the use of state resources to promote the fiscal soundness and
13 long-term sustainability of the state parks system.

14 (5) The division shall submit annually a report regarding the
15 implementation of the dynamic pricing strategy to the commission and the
16 Legislative Council.

17 (6) The fees, rates, tolls, charges, and rentals established
18 under this subchapter are not subject to the rulemaking requirements of the
19 Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

20 (b) The authority and power of the commission includes the right to
21 erect and operate cabins, lodges, restaurants, and other facilities and
22 improvements for the convenience of the public and the right to erect and
23 lease to third parties for operation such facilities and improvements upon
24 such terms as the commission may determine.

25 (c)(1) The commission shall ~~revise the rates, fees, tolls, charges,~~
26 ~~and rentals whenever necessary to ensure that the revenues therefrom~~ from
27 rates, fees, tolls, charges, and rentals, together with other available
28 funds, shall be fully sufficient to discharge all obligations of the
29 commission pertaining to the principal of and interest on any bonds as the
30 principal and interest become due.

31 (2) The gross revenue derived by the commission from all or any
32 part of the properties and equipment of the state parks system may be pledged
33 to the payment of revenue bonds authorized to be issued by this subchapter
34 even though the proceeds from a particular bond issue may be used for the
35 development or improvement of one (1) or more, but less than all, state
36 parks.

1 (d) The bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness of the commission
2 or of the State of Arkansas within the meaning of any constitutional or
3 statutory limitation, and this shall be so stated on the face of each bond.

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