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## HOUSE BILL No. 1206

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DIGEST OF HB 1206 (Updated February 9, 2015 12:57 pm - DI 109)

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-19.

**Synopsis:** Wyandotte Cave. Requires that Wyandotte Cave be open to the general public during the summer months of 2016.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.  
February 10, 2015, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-19-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2005,  
2 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. **(a)** The department shall do the following:  
4 (1) Have the custody of and maintain the parks, preserves, forests,  
5 reservoirs, and memorials owned by the state.  
6 (2) Adopt the necessary rules under IC 4-22-2 to secure  
7 enforcement of this title, which must include provisions for the  
8 use of motorized carts during the hours specified in  
9 IC 9-21-7-2(a)(1) at state parks and recreation areas by an  
10 individual who is the holder of a driver's license and who:  
11 (A) is at least sixty-five (65) years of age; or  
12 (B) has a disability as defined by the federal Social Security  
13 Administration guidelines (42 U.S.C. 416).  
14 (3) Prepare, print, post, or distribute printed matter relating to the  
15 state parks and preserves.

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- 1 (4) Subject to the approval of the governor, purchase land for  
2 parks or preserves and scenic and historic places. For the purpose  
3 of acquiring land for parks or preserves and scenic and historic  
4 places, the commission may exercise the power of eminent  
5 domain in the manner provided in IC 14-17-3.
- 6 (5) Accept in the name of the state by gift or devise the fee or  
7 other estate in land or scenic or historic places.
- 8 (6) Employ, with the approval of the authorities having control of  
9 a state penal institution, the convicts committed to a penal  
10 institution for the purpose of producing or planting trees, clearing,  
11 improving, repairing, draining, or developing land purchased or  
12 acquired by the state for parks or preserves or as scenic or historic  
13 places.
- 14 (7) Have the custody of all abstracts of title, papers, contracts, or  
15 related memoranda except original deeds to the state, for land  
16 purchased or received for parks or preserves or for scenic or  
17 historic purposes under this section.
- 18 (8) Cooperate with:
- 19 (A) the department of environmental management;
- 20 (B) other state agencies; and
- 21 (C) local units of government;
- 22 to protect the water and land of Indiana from pollution.
- 23 (9) Have general charge of the navigable water of Indiana.
- 24 **(10) Ensure that Wyandotte Cave, located in O'Bannon**  
25 **Woods State Park, is open to the general public during the**  
26 **summer months of 2016.**
- 27 **(b) The department shall adopt emergency rules in the manner**  
28 **provided under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to carry out its responsibility under**  
29 **subsection (a)(10).**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred House Bill 1206, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1206 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

