
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MADSEN, JUNE 28, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 28, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An
2 act creating the Department of Conservation and Natural
3 Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department
4 of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community
5 Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources
6 as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the
7 role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of
8 Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities
9 of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of
10 Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the
11 Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts," in
12 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, further
13 providing for fees and charges.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 314 of the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89,
17 No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, is
18 amended to read:

19 Section 314. Fees and charges.

20 (a) Imposition.--Whenever the department imposes fees or
21 charges for activities, admissions, uses or privileges,
22 including charges for concessions, at or relating to State
23 parks, such charges or fees shall be used solely for the

1 acquisition, maintenance, operation or administration of the
2 State park system and are hereby appropriated for such purposes.
3 The department shall not adopt or impose any charges or fees for
4 parking or general admission to State parks unless the charges
5 were imposed prior to January 1, 1995. The department may
6 continue to impose and modify parking charges and fees
7 applicable to specific services or units within the State park
8 system which were imposed prior to January 1, 1995, and may
9 impose charges or fees for admission to and for use of specific
10 services and facilities in State parks. The department shall
11 continue to exercise the powers previously vested in the
12 Environmental Quality Board regarding the imposition of fees and
13 charges for State parks and State forests.

14 (b) Discount.--Upon presenting proper identification as
15 determined by the department, the department shall provide a
16 discount of 15% on all fees and charges for activities,
17 admissions, uses or privileges, including charges for
18 concessions, at or related to State parks to all of the
19 following:

20 (1) An active duty member of the United States Armed
21 Forces.

22 (2) A retired military member of the United States Armed
23 Forces.

24 (3) A veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is
25 100% service-related disabled as certified by the United
26 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

27 (4) An immediate family member of an individual listed
28 under paragraph (1), (2) or (3).

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.