THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MARCH 7, 2017

AN ACT

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

- 1 parks, such charges or fees shall be used solely for the
- 2 acquisition, maintenance, operation or administration of the
- 3 State park system and are hereby appropriated for such purposes.
- 4 The department shall not adopt or impose any charges or fees for
- 5 parking or general admission to State parks unless the charges
- 6 were imposed prior to January 1, 1995. The department may
- 7 continue to impose and modify parking charges and fees
- 8 applicable to specific services or units within the State park
- 9 system which were imposed prior to January 1, 1995, and may
- 10 impose charges or fees for admission to and for use of specific
- 11 services and facilities in State parks. The department shall
- 12 continue to exercise the powers previously vested in the
- 13 Environmental Quality Board regarding the imposition of fees and
- 14 charges for State parks and State forests.
- 15 (b) Discount.--Upon presenting proper identification as
- 16 <u>determined by the department, the department shall provide a</u>
- 17 discount of 15% on all fees and charges for activities,
- 18 <u>admissions</u>, uses or privileges, including charges for
- 19 concessions, at or related to State parks to all of the
- 20 following:
- 21 (1) An active duty member of the United States Armed
- Forces.
- 23 (2) A retired military member of the United States Armed
- Forces.
- 25 (3) A veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is
- 26 100% service-related disabled as certified by the United
- 27 <u>States Department of Veterans Affairs.</u>
- 28 (4) An immediate family member of an individual listed
- under paragraph (1), (2) or (3).
- 30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.