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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Introduced By: Senators Connors, and Miller

Date Introduced: May 20, 2010

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 32-1-17 in Chapter 32-1 of the General Laws entitled "General
2 Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **32-1-17. Persons with disabilities.** – (a) No fee shall be charged to any person with a
4 disability regardless of age, or to automobiles transporting a non-driver with a disability at any
5 recreational facility owned and operated by the state, provided, however, proper identification is
6 presented as prescribed by the department of environmental management. For the purpose of this
7 section "person with a disability" shall mean an individual who has a physical or mental
8 impairment and is receiving:

9 (1) ~~(a)~~ Social security disability benefits (SSDI),

10 (2) ~~(b)~~ Supplemental security income benefits (SSI), or

11 (3) ~~(c)~~ Veterans benefits and who shall be determined under applicable federal law by
12 the federal department of veterans' affairs to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled through a
13 service-connected disability.

14 For purpose of this section "fees" shall include all fees for parking, admittance, or other
15 user-fees for playing golf. The term "fees" shall not include licensing fees; camping fees, picnic
16 table fees or specialized facility use fees, including, but not limited to, fees for the use of
17 equestrian areas, performing arts centers, game fields and mule shed.

18 (b) Persons eligible for any fee exemption granted in this section shall obtain a photo
19 identification card in a form prescribed and issued by the Rhode Island public transit authority

1 [and shall present the duly-issued card each time that access to a park or recreational area is](#)
2 [sought.](#)

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide for the issuance of identification cards by the Rhode Island public
2 transit authority of for individuals with disabilities seeking free access to parks and recreational
3 areas.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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