

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;  
and Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to state parks; creating s. 258.0145,  
3 F.S.; providing discounts on annual passes for members  
4 and veterans of the United States Armed Forces and  
5 reserve forces and for surviving spouses of certain  
6 veterans; amending s. 258.004, F.S.; providing  
7 additional duties of the Division of Recreation and  
8 Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection;  
9 providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 258.0145, Florida Statutes, is created  
14 to read:

15 258.0145 Military state park fee discounts.—The Division of  
16 Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on  
17 park fees to persons who present written documentation  
18 satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility  
19 for the discounts:

20 (1) Active duty members and honorably discharged veterans  
21 of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve  
22 components thereof shall receive a 25 percent discount on annual  
23 entrance passes.

24 (2) Honorably discharged veterans who have service-  
25 connected disabilities shall receive lifetime family annual  
26 entrance passes at no charge.

27 (3) Surviving spouses of deceased members of the United  
28 States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components  
29 thereof who have fallen in combat shall receive lifetime family

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30 annual entrance passes at no charge.

31 Section 2. Subsections (3) through (7) are added to section  
32 258.004, Florida Statutes, to read:

33 258.004 Duties of division.—

34 (3) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall study and  
35 appraise the recreation needs of the state and assemble and  
36 disseminate information relative to recreation.

37 (4) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide  
38 consultation assistance to the Department of Community Affairs  
39 and to local governing units as to the protection, organization,  
40 and administration of local recreation systems and the planning  
41 and design of local recreation areas and facilities.

42 (5) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall assist in  
43 recruiting, training, and placing recreation personnel.

44 (6) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall sponsor and  
45 promote recreation institutes, workshops, seminars, and  
46 conferences throughout the state.

47 (7) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall cooperate  
48 with state and federal agencies, private organizations, and  
49 commercial and industrial interests in the promotion of a state  
50 recreation program.

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.