

By the Committees on Budget Subcommittee on General Government Appropriations; and Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senators Hays, Detert, Jones, and Altman

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to state parks; amending s. 258.0145,
3 F.S.; providing for the parents of certain deceased
4 veterans and the spouse and parents of law enforcement
5 officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty
6 to receive annual entrance passes to state parks at no
7 charge; designating the Jack Mashburn Marina at St.
8 Andrews State Park in Bay County; directing the
9 Department of Environmental Protection to erect
10 suitable markers; exempting parks within the state
11 park system which have free-roaming animal populations
12 from the liability provisions in s. 588.15, F.S.;
13 amending s. 380.0685, F.S., relating to a surcharge
14 imposed on admission fees to state parks in areas of
15 critical state concern located in certain counties;
16 providing for certain municipalities to use the
17 proceeds of the surcharge for land acquisition or
18 beach renourishment or restoration; providing
19 limitations for purposes of determining state matching
20 funds; providing an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 258.0145, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that
26 section, to read:

27 258.0145 Military state park fee discounts.—The Division of
28 Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on
29 park fees to persons who present written documentation

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30 satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility
31 for the discounts:

32 (3) Surviving spouses and parents of deceased members of
33 the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve
34 components thereof who have fallen in combat shall receive
35 lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

36 (4) The surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement
37 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as
38 defined in s. 633.30(1), who has died in the line of duty shall
39 receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

40 Section 2. Jack Mashburn Marina designated; Department of
41 Environmental Protection to erect suitable markers.-

42 (1) The marina commonly referred to as the "boat basin" on
43 Grand Lagoon at St. Andrews State Park in Bay County is
44 designated as "Jack Mashburn Marina."

45 (2) The Department of Environmental Protection is directed
46 to erect suitable markers designating Jack Mashburn Marina as
47 described in subsection (1).

48 Section 3. Any property within the state park system which
49 has free-roaming animal populations is exempt from the
50 provisions of s. 588.15, Florida Statutes.

51 Section 4. Section 380.0685, Florida Statutes, is amended
52 to read:

53 380.0685 State park in area of critical state concern in
54 county which creates land authority; surcharge on admission and
55 overnight occupancy.—The Department of Environmental Protection
56 shall impose and collect a surcharge of 50 cents per person per
57 day, or \$5 per annual family auto entrance permit, on admission
58 to all state parks in areas of critical state concern located in

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59 a county which creates a land authority pursuant to s.
60 380.0663(1), and a surcharge of \$2.50 per night per campsite,
61 cabin, or other overnight recreational occupancy unit in state
62 parks in areas of critical state concern located in a county
63 which creates a land authority pursuant to s. 380.0663(1);
64 however, no surcharge shall be imposed or collected under this
65 section for overnight use by nonprofit groups of organized group
66 camps, primitive camping areas, or other facilities intended
67 primarily for organized group use. Such surcharges shall be
68 imposed within 90 days after any county creating a land
69 authority notifies the Department of Environmental Protection
70 that the land authority has been created. The proceeds from such
71 surcharges, less a collection fee that shall be kept by the
72 Department of Environmental Protection for the actual cost of
73 collection, not to exceed 2 percent, shall be transmitted to the
74 land authority of the county from which the revenue was
75 generated. Such funds shall be used to purchase property in the
76 area or areas of critical state concern in the county from which
77 the revenue was generated. An amount not to exceed 10 percent
78 may be used for administration and other costs incident to such
79 purchases. However, the proceeds of the surcharges imposed and
80 collected pursuant to this section in a state park or parks
81 located wholly within a municipality, less the costs of
82 collection as provided herein, shall be transmitted to that
83 municipality for use by the municipality for land acquisition or
84 for beach renourishment or restoration, including, but not
85 limited to, costs associated with any design, permitting,
86 monitoring, and mitigation of such work, as well as the work
87 itself. However, these funds may not be included in any

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88 calculation used for providing state matching funds for local
89 contributions for beach renourishment or restoration. The
90 surcharges levied under this section shall remain imposed as
91 long as the land authority is in existence.

92 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.