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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to county and municipal parks;
3 creating ss. 125.028 and 166.0447, F.S.; requiring
4 counties and municipalities to provide discounts on
5 public park entrance fees to military members,
6 veterans, and the spouses and parents of certain
7 deceased military members, law enforcement officers,
8 and firefighters; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 125.028, Florida Statutes, is created to
13 read:

14 125.028 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter county
15 park fee discounts.—A county department of parks and recreation
16 shall provide the following discounts on park fees to a person
17 who presents written documentation satisfactory to the county
18 department which evidences his or her eligibility for the
19 following discounts or fee waivers:

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

24 (2) An honorably discharged veteran who has service-
25 connected disabilities shall receive lifetime family annual
26 entrance passes at no charge.

27 (3) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of
28 the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve
29 components thereof who has fallen in combat shall receive

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30 lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

31 (4) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement
32 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as
33 defined in s. 633.102, who has died in the line of duty shall
34 receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

35 Section 2. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created
36 to read:

37 166.0447 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter
38 municipal park fee discounts.—A municipal department of parks
39 and recreation shall provide the following discounts on park
40 fees to a person who presents written documentation satisfactory
41 to the municipal department which evidences his or her
42 eligibility for the following discounts or fee waivers:

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55 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as
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57 receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.