

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Abruzzo

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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 partial or full
5 discounts on 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; requiring that individuals seeking
9 the discount present written documentation
10 satisfactory to the county or municipality which
11 evidences eligibility; defining the term "park
12 entrance fee" and providing certain exclusions;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 125.028, Florida Statutes, is created to
18 read:

19 125.028 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter county
20 park fee discounts.-

21 (1) A county park or recreation department shall provide a
22 partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the
23 following individuals who present written documentation
24 satisfactory to the county department which evidences
25 eligibility for the discount:

26 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces or
27 its reserve components, or the National Guard.

28 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
29 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard.

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30 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
31 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard,
32 who has a service-connected disability as determined by the
33 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

34 (d) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of
35 the United States Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the
36 National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-
37 related conditions.

38 (e) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement
39 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as
40 defined in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

41 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"
42 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a county park or
43 recreation department. The term does not include expanded
44 amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic
45 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special
46 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or
47 programs taking place within public lands.

48 Section 2. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created
49 to read:

50 166.0447 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter
51 municipal park fee discounts.—

52 (1) A municipal park or recreation department shall provide
53 a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the
54 following individuals who present written documentation
55 satisfactory to the municipal department which evidences
56 eligibility for the discount:

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