

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to discounts on public park entrance
3 fees and transportation fares; creating s. 125.029,
4 F.S.; requiring counties to provide a partial or a
5 full discount on park entrance fees to military
6 members, veterans, and the spouses and parents of
7 certain deceased military members, law enforcement
8 officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians,
9 and paramedics; requiring that individuals seeking the
10 discount present information satisfactory to the
11 county department which evidences eligibility;
12 defining the term "park entrance fee"; providing
13 certain exclusions; creating s. 163.58, F.S.;
14 requiring regional transportation authorities to
15 provide a partial or a full discount on fares for
16 certain disabled veterans; creating s. 166.0447, F.S.;
17 requiring municipalities to provide a partial or a
18 full discount on park entrance fees to military
19 members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of
20 certain deceased military members, law enforcement
21 officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians,
22 and paramedics; requiring that individuals seeking the
23 discount present information satisfactory to the
24 municipal department which evidences eligibility;
25 defining the term "park entrance fee"; providing
26 certain exclusions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 125.029, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.029 County park entrance fee discounts.—

(1) A county park or recreation department shall provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the following individuals who present information satisfactory to the county department which evidences eligibility for the discount:

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

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

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

(d) A surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions.

(e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as defined in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic

53 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of
54 duty.

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

62 Section 2. Section 163.58, Florida Statutes, is created to
63 read:

64 163.58 Transportation fare discounts.—An authority as
65 defined in chapter 343 or chapter 349, shall provide a partial
66 or a full discount on fares for the use of a fixed-route
67 transportation system operated by the authority to a disabled
68 veteran as described in s. 295.07(1)(a) who presents information
69 satisfactory to the authority which evidences eligibility for
70 the discount.

71 Section 3. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created
72 to read:

73 166.0447 Municipal park entrance fee discounts.—
74 (1) A municipal park or recreation department shall
75 provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to
76 the following individuals who present information satisfactory
77 to the municipal department which evidences eligibility for the
78 discount:

79 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces,
80 their reserve components, or the National Guard.

81 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
82 Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard.

83 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
84 Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard,
85 who has a service-connected disability as determined by the
86 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

87 (d) A surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of
88 the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the
89 National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-
90 related conditions.

91 (e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement
92 officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as defined in
93 s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic
94 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of
95 duty.

96 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"
97 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a municipal park
98 or recreation department. The term does not include expanded
99 amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic
100 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special
101 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or
102 programs taking place within public lands.

103 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.