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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Abruzzo) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

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



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11 the county department which evidences eligibility for the  
12 discount:

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

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

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

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

25 (e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement  
26 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter, as defined  
27 in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic  
28 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of  
29 duty.

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

37 Section 2. Section 163.58, Florida Statutes, is created to  
38 read:

39 163.58 Transportation fare discounts.—An authority as



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40 defined in this chapter, chapter 343, or chapter 349 shall  
41 provide a partial or a full discount on fares for the use of a  
42 fixed-route transportation system operated by the authority to a  
43 disabled veteran as described in s. 295.07(1)(a) who presents  
44 information satisfactory to the authority which evidences  
45 eligibility for the discount.

46 Section 3. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created  
47 to read:

48 166.0447 Municipal park entrance fee discounts.—

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

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

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

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

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

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



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69 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of  
70 duty.

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

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

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80 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

81 And the title is amended as follows:

82 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
83 and insert:

84 A bill to be entitled

85 An act relating to discounts on public park entrance  
86 fees and transportation fares; creating s. 125.029,  
87 F.S.; requiring counties to provide a partial or a  
88 full discount on park entrance fees to military  
89 members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of  
90 certain deceased military members, law enforcement  
91 officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians,  
92 and paramedics; requiring that individuals seeking the  
93 discount present information satisfactory to the  
94 county department which evidences eligibility;  
95 defining the term "park entrance fee"; providing  
96 certain exclusions; creating s. 163.58, F.S.;  
97 requiring certain regional transportation authorities



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98 to provide a partial or a full discount on fares for  
99 certain disabled veterans; creating s. 166.0447, F.S.;  
100 requiring municipalities to provide a partial or a  
101 full discount on park entrance fees to military  
102 members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of  
103 certain deceased military members, law enforcement  
104 officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians,  
105 and paramedics; requiring that individuals seeking the  
106 discount present information satisfactory to the  
107 municipal department which evidences eligibility;  
108 defining the term "park entrance fee"; providing  
109 certain exclusions; providing an effective date.