

By Senator Abruzzo

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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 spouse and parents of  
7       certain deceased military members, law enforcement  
8       officers, and firefighters; requiring that individuals  
9       seeking the discount present written documentation  
10      satisfactory to the county department which evidences  
11      eligibility; defining the term "park entrance fee";  
12      providing certain exclusions; creating s. 163.58,  
13      F.S.; requiring regional transportation authorities to  
14      provide a partial or a full discount on fares and on  
15      other charges for certain disabled veterans; creating  
16      s. 166.0447, F.S.; requiring municipalities to provide  
17      a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to  
18      military members, veterans, and the spouse and parents  
19      of certain deceased military members, law enforcement  
20      officers, and firefighters; requiring that individuals  
21      seeking the discount present written documentation  
22      satisfactory to the municipal department which  
23      evidences eligibility; defining the term "park  
24      entrance fee"; providing certain exclusions; providing  
25      an effective date.

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

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29       Section 1. Section 125.029, Florida Statutes, is created to

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30 read:

31 125.029 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter county  
32 park entrance fee discounts.-

33 (1) A county park or recreation department shall provide a  
34 partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the  
35 following individuals who present written documentation  
36 satisfactory to the county department which evidences  
37 eligibility for the discount:

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

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

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

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

50 (e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement  
51 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as  
52 defined in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

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

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59 programs taking place within public lands.

60 Section 2. Section 163.58, Florida Statutes, is created to  
61 read:

62 163.58 Transportation fare discounts.—An authority shall  
63 provide a partial or a full discount on fares and on other  
64 charges for the use of a transportation system or a  
65 transportation facility owned or operated by the authority to a  
66 disabled veteran as described in s. 295.07(1) (a) who presents  
67 written documentation satisfactory to the authority which  
68 evidences eligibility for the discount.

69 Section 3. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created  
70 to read:

71 166.0447 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter  
72 municipal park entrance fee discounts.—

73 (1) A municipal park or recreation department shall provide  
74 a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the  
75 following individuals who present written documentation  
76 satisfactory to the municipal department which evidences  
77 eligibility for the discount:

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

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

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

86 (d) A surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of  
87 the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or their

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89 related conditions.

90 (e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement  
91 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as  
92 defined in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

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

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