

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 servicemembers,
 6 veterans, and spouses and parents of certain deceased
 7 military servicemembers, law enforcement officers, and
 8 firefighters; defining the term "park entrance fees";
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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

15 125.028 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter county
 16 park fee discounts.—

17 (1) A county park or recreation department shall provide a
 18 partial or full discount on park entrance fees to an individual
 19 who presents written documentation satisfactory to the county
 20 department that evidences that the individual is:

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

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

25 (c) A veteran of the United States Armed Forces, their
 26 reserve components, or the National Guard, who has a service-

27 connected disability as determined by the United States
 28 Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

33 (e) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement
 34 officer, as defined in s. 943.10, or a firefighter, as defined
 35 in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

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

43 Section 2. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created
 44 to read:

45 166.0447 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter
 46 municipal park fee discounts.—

47 (1) A municipal park or recreation department shall
 48 provide a partial or full discount on park entrance fees to an
 49 individual who presents written documentation satisfactory to
 50 the municipal department that evidences that the individual is:

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

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

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56 reserve components, or the National Guard, who has a service-
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70 stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special events, boat
71 launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or programs taking
72 place within public lands.

73 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.