

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

27 term "park entrance fee"; providing certain
 28 exclusions; providing an effective date.

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

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

34 125.029 County park entrance fee discounts.—

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

40 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces or
 41 their reserve components, including the Air National Guard or
 42 the Army National Guard.

43 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 44 Armed Forces or their reserve components, including the Air
 45 National Guard and the Army National Guard.

46 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 47 Armed Forces or their reserve components, including the Air
 48 National Guard and the Army National Guard, who has a service-
 49 connected disability as determined by the United States
 50 Department of Veterans Affairs.

51 (d) A surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of
 52 the United States Armed Forces or their reserve components,

53 including the Air National Guard or the Army National Guard, who
54 died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions.

55 (e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement
56 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter, as defined
57 in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic
58 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of
59 duty.

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

67 Section 2. Section 163.58, Florida Statutes, is created to
68 read:

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

76 Section 3. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created
77 to read:

78 166.0447 Municipal park entrance fee discounts.—

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

84 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces or
85 their reserve components, including the Air National Guard or
86 the Army National Guard.

87 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
88 Armed Forces or their reserve components, including the Air
89 National Guard or the Army National Guard.

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

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

99 (e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement
100 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter, as defined
101 in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic
102 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of
103 duty.

104 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"

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106 or recreation department. The term does not include expanded
107 fees for amenities, such as campgrounds, aquatic facilities,
108 stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special events, boat
109 launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or programs taking
110 place within public lands.

111 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.