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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a state park entrance fee holiday;
prohibiting the Division of Recreation and Parks from
charging day use entrance fees at state parks for a
specified period; requiring the division to ensure
that each state park closes once its carrying capacity
is reached; clarifying that the holiday does not apply
to other fees; providing exceptions; providing an
appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. In order to encourage the use and enjoyment of
Florida's state parks, a state park entrance fee holiday is
created.

(1) Notwithstanding s. 258.014, Florida Statutes, the
Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of
Environmental Protection may not charge day use entrance fees at
any state park operated by the division for a 12-month period
beginning July 1, 2016. The division shall ensure that each
state park closes once its carrying capacity, as set forth in
its unit management plan, is reached.

(2) This act does not apply to fees for the use of
facilities, campgrounds, or equipment; or fees for concessions,
entertainment, or guided tours, at any state park.

(3) This act does not apply to Skyway Fishing Pier State
Park, Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, or



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28 Weeki Wachee Springs State Park.

29 Section 2. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of \$27.3
30 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General
31 Revenue Fund to the State Park Trust Fund within the Department
32 of Environmental Protection to support state parks and implement
33 this act.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.