

By Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a state park entrance fee holiday;
3 prohibiting the Division of Recreation and Parks from
4 charging day use entrance fees at state parks for a
5 specified period; clarifying that the holiday does not
6 apply to other fees; providing exceptions; providing
7 an effective date.

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

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

14 (1) Notwithstanding s. 258.014, Florida Statutes, the
15 Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of
16 Environmental Protection may not charge day use entrance fees at
17 any state park operated by the division for a 12-month period
18 beginning July 1, 2016.

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

22 (3) This act does not apply to Skyway Fishing Pier State
23 Park, Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, or
24 Weeki Wachee Springs State Park.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.