

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;
and 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; requiring the division to ensure
6 that each state park closes once its carrying capacity
7 is reached; clarifying that the holiday does not apply
8 to other fees; providing exceptions; providing an
9 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. In order to encourage the use and enjoyment of
14 Florida's state parks, a state park entrance fee holiday is
15 created.

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

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

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

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