

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to state park fees; creating s.  
 3           258.0142, F.S.; providing certain discounts on state  
 4           park fees to specified foster and adoptive families;  
 5           requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks within  
 6           the Department of Environmental Protection, in  
 7           consultation with the Department of Children and  
 8           Families, to establish certain documentation standards  
 9           and create a procedure for obtaining the discounts;  
 10          requiring the division to continue a partnership with  
 11          the Department of Children and Families to promote  
 12          fostering and adoption of special needs children with  
 13          certain events; providing an effective date.

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

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 17           Section 1.   Section 258.0142, Florida Statutes, is created  
 18   to read:

19           258.0142 Foster and adoptive family state park fee  
 20   discounts.-

21           (1) To promote awareness of the contributions made by  
 22   foster families and adoptive families to the vitality of the  
 23   state, the Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the  
 24   following discounts on state park fees to persons who present  
 25   written documentation satisfactory to the division which

26 evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

27 (a) Families operating a licensed family foster home under  
28 s. 409.175 shall receive family annual entrance passes at no  
29 charge and a 50 percent discount on current base campsite fees  
30 at state parks.

31 (b) Families who adopt a special needs child as described  
32 in s. 409.166(2)(a)2. from the Department of Children and  
33 Families shall receive a one-time family annual entrance pass at  
34 no charge at the time of the adoption.

35 (2) The division, in consultation with the Department of  
36 Children and Families, shall identify the types of documentation  
37 sufficient to establish eligibility for the discounts under this  
38 section and establish a procedure for obtaining the discounts.

39 (3) The division shall continue its partnership with the  
40 Department of Children and Families to promote fostering and  
41 adoption of special needs children with events held each year  
42 during National Foster Care Month and National Adoption Month.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.