

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation;
and Senator Bean

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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 to
7 establish certain documentation standards and create a
8 procedure for obtaining the discounts; requiring the
9 division to continue a partnership with the Department
10 of Children and Families to promote fostering and
11 adoption of special needs children with certain
12 events; providing an effective date.

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

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

18 258.0142 Foster and adoptive family state park fee
19 discounts.-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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