

By Senator Baxley

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to state park fee waivers and  
3       discounts; amending s. 258.0142, F.S.; requiring the  
4       Division of Recreation and Parks within the Department  
5       of Environmental Protection to provide a specified  
6       waiver and discount for state park fees to persons,  
7       corporations, or agencies that operate group homes and  
8       to relatives and nonrelatives who provide out-of-home  
9       care; making technical changes; providing an effective  
10      date.

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

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14       Section 1. Section 258.0142, Florida Statutes, is amended  
15      to read:

16       258.0142 Foster family, ~~and~~ adoptive family, group home,  
17      and out-of-home care state park fee waivers and discounts.—

18       (1) To promote awareness of the contributions made by  
19      foster families, ~~and~~ adoptive families, group homes, and  
20      relatives and nonrelatives who provide children with out-of-home  
21      care to the vitality of the state, the Division of Recreation  
22      and Parks shall provide the following annual entrance pass fee  
23      waivers and discounts, as applicable, on state park fees to the  
24      following persons and entities who present the written  
25      documentation required by ~~satisfactory to~~ the division pursuant  
26      to subsection (2) ~~which evidences their eligibility for the~~  
27      discounts:

28       (a) Families operating a licensed family foster home under  
29      s. 409.175. Such families shall be granted ~~receive family~~ annual

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30 entrance passes ~~at no charge~~ and a 50 percent discount on base  
31 campsite fees at state parks.

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

37 (c) Persons, corporations, or agencies operating a group  
38 home that is licensed as a residential child-caring agency under  
39 s. 409.175. Such persons, corporations, and agencies shall be  
40 granted annual entrance passes and a 50 percent discount on base  
41 campsite fees.

42 (d) Relatives and nonrelatives who provide children with  
43 out-of-home care pursuant to s. 39.523. Such caregivers shall be  
44 granted annual entrance passes and a 50 percent discount on base  
45 campsite fees.

46 (2) The division, in consultation with the Department of  
47 Children and Families, shall identify the types of documentation  
48 sufficient to establish eligibility for the waivers and  
49 discounts under this section and shall establish a procedure for  
50 providing the waivers and ~~obtaining the~~ discounts.

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

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.