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

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

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

258.0142 Foster <u>family</u>, <u>and</u> adoptive family, <u>group home</u>, and out-of-home care state park fee waivers and discounts.—

(1) To promote awareness of the contributions made by foster families, and adoptive families, group homes, and relatives and nonrelatives who provide children with out-of-home care to the vitality of the state, the Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the following annual entrance pass fee waivers and discounts, as applicable, on state park fees to the following persons and entities who present the written documentation required by satisfactory to the division pursuant

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to subsection (2) which evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

- (a) Families operating a licensed family foster home under s. 409.175. Such families shall be granted receive family annual entrance passes at no charge and a 50 percent discount on base campsite fees at state parks.
- (b) Families who adopt a special needs child as described in s. 409.166(2)(a)2. from the Department of Children and Families. Such families shall be granted receive a one-time family annual entrance pass at no charge at the time of the adoption.
- (c) Persons, corporations, or agencies operating a group home that is licensed as a residential child-caring agency under s. 409.175. Such persons, corporations, and agencies shall be granted annual entrance passes and a 50 percent discount on base campsite fees.
- (d) Relatives and nonrelatives who provide children with out-of-home care pursuant to s. 39.523. Such caregivers shall be granted annual entrance passes and a 50 percent discount on base campsite fees.
- (2) The division, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, shall identify the types of documentation sufficient to establish eligibility for the <u>waivers and</u> discounts under this section and <u>shall</u> establish a procedure for <u>providing the waivers and obtaining the</u> discounts.

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

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

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