

By the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; and Senators Hooper, Burgess, and Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to state park campsite reservations;
 3 amending s. 258.014, F.S.; requiring the Division of
 4 Recreation and Parks of the Department of
 5 Environmental Protection to allow residents and
 6 nonresidents to make state park cabin and campsite
 7 reservations within specified timeframes; requiring
 8 Florida residents to provide information from their
 9 Florida driver license or identification card for
 10 certain reservations made in advance; providing an
 11 effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 258.014, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 16 read:

17 258.014 ~~Fees for~~ Use of state parks; fees for use; campsite
 18 reservations.—

19 (1) FEES FOR USE.—

20 (a) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall have the
 21 power to charge reasonable fees, rentals, or charges for the use
 22 or operation of facilities and concessions in state parks. ~~and~~
 23 All such fees, rentals, and charges so collected must ~~shall~~ be
 24 deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of "State Park
 25 Trust Fund," which is hereby created, the continuing balance of
 26 which fund is hereby appropriated to be expended by said
 27 division for the administration, improvement and maintenance of
 28 state parks and for the acquisition and development of lands
 29 hereafter acquired for state park purposes. The appropriation of

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30 said fund shall be continuing, and ~~may shall~~ not revert to the
31 General Revenue Fund at the end of any fiscal year or at any
32 other time but shall, until expended, be continually available
33 to ~~the said~~ division for the uses and purposes set forth.

34 ~~(b)(2)~~ Any moneys received in trust by the division by
35 gift, devise, appropriation, or otherwise shall, subject to the
36 terms of such trust, be deposited with the Chief Financial
37 Officer in a fund to be known as the "State Park Trust Fund,"
38 and shall be subject to withdrawal upon application of such
39 division for expenditure or investment in accordance with the
40 terms of the trust. Unless prohibited by the terms of the trust
41 by which the moneys are derived, all ~~of~~ such moneys may be
42 invested as provided by law.

43 (2) RESERVATIONS.-

44 (a) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall allow
45 individuals to make reservations for state park cabins and
46 campsites, including sites for RV, tent, boat, and equestrian
47 camping, as follows:

48 1. For Florida residents, reservations up to 11 months in
49 advance; and

50 2. For nonresidents, reservations up to 10 months in
51 advance.

52 (b) A Florida resident who wishes to book a state park
53 cabin or campsite more than 10 months in advance must provide
54 his or her valid Florida driver license number or the
55 identification number from a Florida identification card issued
56 under s. 322.051 as proof of Florida residency when making a
57 reservation.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.