

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 537

(As amended by the Senate, July 3, 2003)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 74117 (MCL 324.74117), as added by 1995 PA
58; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 74117. (1) The department may require park permits and
2 collect park permit fees for entry into a state park or portion
3 of a state park posted in the manner prescribed by this part.
4 The department shall prepare and distribute park permits to
5 implement this part.
6 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an annual
7 park permit shall be issued and shall authorize the entry of the
8 motor vehicle to which it is originally attached within the
9 confines of any state park or recreation area during the calendar
10 year ~~in~~ **for** which **it is** issued. The fee for the annual park

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1 permit is ~~-\$18.00 in 1994, and \$20.00 in 1995 and thereafter,~~
2 ~~except that an owner of a resident motor vehicle who is 65 years~~
3 ~~of age or older shall be issued a special annual park permit for~~
4 ~~1/4 the amount of the annual park permit.~~ as follows:

5 (a) Until January 1, 2007, for the owner of a resident motor
6 vehicle, \$24.00, except <<as follows:

7 (i) The fee for the owner of a resident motor vehicle who is 65
years of age or older is \$6.00.

(ii) The fee for the owner of a resident motor vehicle who, at the
time of purchase, is in possession of a food stamp card and personal
identification is \$18.00.>>

8 (b) Until January 1, 2007, for the owner of a nonresident
9 motor vehicle, \$29.00.

10 (3) ~~A daily park permit, valid for 1 day only, shall be~~
11 ~~issued for a fee to be fixed by the department, but in an amount~~
12 ~~Not to exceed \$4.00 for resident motor vehicles and \$6.00 for~~
13 ~~nonresident motor vehicles. The fee for nonresident motor~~
14 ~~vehicles may be \$4.00 in all parks except where nonresident day~~
15 ~~Use is extremely high. The department shall identify parks where~~
16 ~~nonresident day use is extremely high and set the nonresident fee~~
17 ~~at \$6.00. The~~ A daily permit, valid for 1 day only, shall
18 authorize the entry of the motor vehicle to which it is
19 originally attached within the confines of a state park during
20 The day ~~in~~ for which it is issued. The fee for a daily permit
21 is as follows:

22 (a) Until January 1, 2007, for the owner of a resident motor
23 vehicle, \$6.00.

24 (b) Until January 1, 2007, for the owner of a nonresident
25 motor vehicle, \$8.00.

[(4) A person who has obtained <<an annual motor vehicle permit under
this section for a recreational vehicle to be used as a stationary
primary camping shelter camped legally in and not moved from a state
park campground during the period of the camping stay may obtain a

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duplicate motor vehicle permit for a towed second motor vehicle present at the time of entry for a fee of [\$6.00] effective for the duration of camping stay.

(5) The department shall provide an annual report to the standing committees in the senate and house of representatives along with the appropriate budget subcommittees that primarily consider natural resources issues that detail the revenue stream generated by the fee structure under this section. This report shall be presented not later than December 31 each year and shall include information on the impact of the revenue stream on the Michigan state parks endowment fund created in section 35a of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and provided for in section 74119, the use of the general fund for funding the state park system, and other relevant issues that impact funding needs for the state park system.>>]

26 << (6)<4> >> A resident motor vehicle is a vehicle that is
registered

27 as a motor vehicle in this state.

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1 <<(7)(5)>> This part applies only to the entry of motor vehicles
2 into the state parks and to the park permits authorized in this
3 part and does not obviate the necessity of obtaining additional
4 permits for special services or park privileges as previously or
5 subsequently may be required by law or by rules promulgated by
6 the department. The department shall designate each person in
7 the state authorized to sell park permits and shall require as a
8 condition of the designation that a surety bond be furnished in
9 an amount and in a form and with the surety as is acceptable to
10 the department. ~~A person~~ **After being** designated by the
11 Department, ~~after being designated~~ **a person** may issue park
12 permits in accordance with this part.

13 <<(8)(6)>> Commercial motor coaches or vans **with a capacity of more**
14 **than 12 passengers** are not eligible to enter a state park with an
15 annual park permit. ~~The department may establish a~~ **Until**
16 **January 1, 2007, the** daily fee ~~not to exceed \$15.00~~ to allow
17 commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of over 12
18 passengers daily entry into a state park **is \$15.00.**

19 <<(9)(7)>> The department may add to the cost of a reservation or
20 ~~for payment for~~ a motor vehicle entrance or camping fee the
21 charges that the state incurs because of the use of a credit
22 card.

23 <<(10)>> It is the intent of the legislature that if, on September
24 30 of any state fiscal year, the amount of money in the
25 Countercyclical budget and economic stabilization fund created in
26 section 351 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
27 18.1351, exceeds \$250,000,000.00, then general fund/general

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1 purpose support for state parks operations for the following
2 state fiscal year shall be equal to or exceed 50% of the revenues
3 generated by motor vehicle entrance fees under this section
4 during the previous state fiscal year.

5 Enacting section 1. Section 74109 of the natural resources
6 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.74109, is
7 repealed.

[Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect January 1,
2004.]