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Senate Bill 924 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to:

- Delay from January 1, 2007, to January 1, 2010, the expiration date on annual and daily State park permit fees.
- Require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to replace a person's annual park permit or off-road vehicle (ORV) license free of charge, if the permit or license were lost or destroyed; and allow the DNR to require a person requesting a replacement to supply sufficient evidence of the loss or destruction of the original permit or license.
- Allow the DNR to waive the State park permit requirement for Department-sponsored events or other circumstances as determined by the DNR Director or the Director's designee.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would postpone the sunset on motor vehicle entrance permits to State parks from January 1, 2007, to January 1, 2010. The bill would not change the fees, so annual revenue is not expected to increase or decrease. The permit fees generated \$13.2 million in FY 2004-05. Vehicle permit revenue is deposited into the Park Improvement Fund and used for operation, maintenance, and improvement of the 97 State parks.

While the impact is likely to be small, the bill would cost the State an indeterminate amount depending on the number and type of vehicle permits and ORV licenses lost or destroyed that were replaced free of charge. The State also would lose an indeterminate amount if the DNR Director waived vehicle permit requirements for Department-sponsored events.

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