

HOUSE BILL No. 5088

August 8, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Green, Schuitmaker, Proos, Elsenheimer, Shaffer, Horn, Moss and Brandenburg and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 74117 (MCL 324.74117), as amended by 2006 PA
477.

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 of
3 a state park posted in the manner prescribed by this part. The
4 department may waive the permit requirement for department-
5 sponsored events or other circumstances as determined by the
6 director or the director's designee. The department shall prepare
7 and distribute park permits to implement this part.

8 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an annual

1 park permit shall be issued and shall authorize the entry of the
2 motor vehicle to which it is originally attached within the
3 confines of any state park or recreation area during the calendar
4 year for which it is issued. The fee for the annual park permit is
5 as follows:

6 (a) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a resident motor
7 vehicle, \$24.00, except as follows:

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

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

13 (b) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a nonresident
14 motor vehicle, \$29.00.

15 (3) A daily permit, valid for 1 day only, shall authorize the
16 entry of the motor vehicle to which it is originally attached
17 within the confines of a state park during the day for which it is
18 issued. The fee for a daily permit is as follows:

19 (a) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a resident motor
20 vehicle, \$6.00.

21 (b) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a nonresident
22 motor vehicle, \$8.00.

23 **(C) FOR AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED**
24 **FORCES WHO IS IN POSSESSION OF HIS OR HER MILITARY IDENTIFICATION,**
25 **THE DAILY PERMIT FEE SHALL BE WAIVED.**

26 (4) A person who has obtained an annual motor vehicle permit
27 under this section for a recreational vehicle to be used as a

1 stationary primary camping shelter camped legally in and not moved
2 from a state park campground during the period of the camping stay
3 may obtain a duplicate motor vehicle permit for a towed second
4 motor vehicle present at the time of entry for a fee of \$6.00
5 effective for the duration of camping stay.

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

18 (6) This part applies only to the entry of motor vehicles into
19 the state parks and to the park permits authorized in this part and
20 does not obviate the necessity of obtaining additional permits for
21 special services or park privileges as previously or subsequently
22 may be required by law or by rules promulgated by the department.
23 The department shall designate each person in the state authorized
24 to sell park permits and shall require as a condition of the
25 designation that a surety bond be furnished in an amount and in a
26 form and with the surety as is acceptable to the department. After
27 being designated by the department, a person may issue park permits

1 in accordance with this part.

2 (7) Commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of more
3 than 12 passengers are not eligible to enter a state park with an
4 annual park permit. Until January 1, 2010, the daily fee to allow
5 commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of over 12
6 passengers daily entry into a state park is \$15.00.

7 (8) The department may add to the cost of a reservation or a
8 motor vehicle entrance or camping fee the charges that the state
9 incurs because of the use of a credit card.

10 (9) If a person's annual park permit is lost or destroyed, the
11 department shall provide that person with a replacement park permit
12 free of charge. The department may require a person requesting a
13 replacement park permit to supply sufficient evidence of the loss
14 or destruction of the original park permit.

15 (10) It is the intent of the legislature that if, on September
16 30 of any state fiscal year, the amount of money in the
17 countercyclical budget and economic stabilization fund created in
18 section 351 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
19 18.1351, exceeds \$250,000,000.00, then general fund/general purpose
20 support for state parks operations for the following state fiscal
21 year shall be equal to or exceed 50% of the revenues generated by
22 motor vehicle entrance fees under this section during the previous
23 state fiscal year.

24 (11) As used in this section, "resident motor vehicle" means a
25 vehicle that is registered as a motor vehicle in this state.