

HOUSE BILL No. 6461

September 17, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Corriveau 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~~**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION**
5 **(5), THE** fee for the annual park permit is 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 (4) A person who has obtained an annual motor vehicle permit
24 under this section for a recreational vehicle to be used as a
25 stationary primary camping shelter camped legally in and not moved
26 from a state park campground during the period of the camping stay
27 may obtain a duplicate motor vehicle permit for a towed second

1 motor vehicle present at the time of entry for a fee of \$6.00
2 effective for the duration of camping stay.

3 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OFFER FOR SALE A TRANSFERABLE ANNUAL
4 PARK PERMIT THAT ALLOWS THE ENTRY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE INTO A STATE
5 PARK UPON PRESENTATION OF THE TRANSFERABLE ANNUAL PARK PERMIT BY
6 THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING THE PARK PERMIT OR A MEMBER OF HIS OR HER
7 IMMEDIATE FAMILY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE A FEE OF \$35.00 FOR
8 THE PURCHASE OF A TRANSFERABLE ANNUAL PARK PERMIT.

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

21 (7) ~~(6)~~—This part applies only to the entry of motor vehicles
22 into the state parks and to the park permits authorized in this
23 part and does not obviate the necessity of obtaining additional
24 permits for special services or park privileges as previously or
25 subsequently may be required by law or by rules promulgated by the
26 department. The department shall designate each person in the state
27 authorized to sell park permits and shall require as a condition of

1 the designation that a surety bond be furnished in an amount and in
2 a form and with the surety as is acceptable to the department.
3 After being designated by the department, a person may issue park
4 permits in accordance with this part.

5 (8) ~~(7)~~—Commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of
6 more than 12 passengers are not eligible to enter a state park with
7 an annual park permit. Until January 1, 2010, the daily fee to
8 allow commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of over 12
9 passengers daily entry into a state park is \$15.00.

10 (9) ~~(8)~~—The department may add to the cost of a reservation or
11 a motor vehicle entrance or camping fee the charges that the state
12 incurs because of the use of a credit card.

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

18 (11) ~~(10)~~—It is the intent of the legislature that if, on
19 September 30 of any state fiscal year, the amount of money in the
20 countercyclical budget and economic stabilization fund created in
21 section 351 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
22 18.1351, exceeds \$250,000,000.00, then general fund/general purpose
23 support for state parks operations for the following state fiscal
24 year shall be equal to or exceed 50% of the revenues generated by
25 motor vehicle entrance fees under this section during the previous
26 state fiscal year.

27 (12) ~~(11)~~—As used in this section, "resident motor vehicle"

1 means a vehicle that is registered as a motor vehicle in this
2 state.