

HOUSE BILL No. 4956

May 19, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Horn, Crawford, Haines, Stamas, Kowall, Moss and Knollenberg 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 **PARK** permit requirement for department-
5 sponsored events or other circumstances as determined by the
6 director or the director's designee. **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WAIVE THE**
7 **PARK PERMIT REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR ALL RESIDENT MOTOR**
8 **VEHICLES DURING 1 WEEKEND IN EACH OF THE 4 SEASONS.** The department
9 shall prepare and distribute park permits to implement this part.

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

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

26 (7) Commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of more
27 than 12 passengers are not eligible to enter a state park with an

1 annual park permit. Until January 1, 2010, the daily fee to allow
2 commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of over 12
3 passengers daily entry into a state park is \$15.00.

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

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

12 (10) It is the intent of the legislature that if, on September
13 30 of any state fiscal year, the amount of money in the
14 countercyclical budget and economic stabilization fund created in
15 section 351 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
16 18.1351, exceeds \$250,000,000.00, then general fund/general purpose
17 support for state parks operations for the following state fiscal
18 year shall be equal to or exceed 50% of the revenues generated by
19 motor vehicle entrance fees under this section during the previous
20 state fiscal year.

21 (11) As used in this section: ~~"/~~"resident

22 (A) **"RESIDENT** motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is
23 registered as a motor vehicle in this state.

24 (B) **"WEEKEND" MEANS A CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**