

CHAPTER 2011-110

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 95

An act relating to state parks; amending s. 258.0145, F.S.; providing for the parents of certain deceased veterans and the spouse and parents of law enforcement officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty to receive annual entrance passes to state parks at no charge; amending s. 380.0685, F.S., relating to a surcharge imposed on admission fees to state parks in areas of critical state concern located in certain counties; providing for certain municipalities to use the proceeds of the surcharge for land acquisition or beach renourishment or restoration; providing limitations for purposes of determining state matching funds; exempting the state from specified liability provisions with respect to parks within the state park system that have free-roaming animal populations; designating Jack Mashburn Marina in Bay County; directing the Department of Environmental Protection to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 258.0145, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

258.0145 Military state park fee discounts.—The Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on park fees to persons who present written documentation satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

(3) Surviving spouses and parents of deceased members of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components thereof who have fallen in combat shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

(4) The surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as defined in s. 633.30(1), who has died in the line of duty shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

Section 2. Section 380.0685, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.0685 State park in area of critical state concern in county which creates land authority; surcharge on admission and overnight occupancy. The Department of Environmental Protection shall impose and collect a surcharge of 50 cents per person per day, or \$5 per annual family auto entrance permit, on admission to all state parks in areas of critical state concern located in a county which creates a land authority pursuant to s. 380.0663(1), and a surcharge of \$2.50 per night per campsite, cabin, or other overnight recreational occupancy unit in state parks in areas of critical state

concern located in a county which creates a land authority pursuant to s. 380.0663(1); however, no surcharge shall be imposed or collected under this section for overnight use by nonprofit groups of organized group camps, primitive camping areas, or other facilities intended primarily for organized group use. Such surcharges shall be imposed within 90 days after any county creating a land authority notifies the Department of Environmental Protection that the land authority has been created. The proceeds from such surcharges, less a collection fee that shall be kept by the Department of Environmental Protection for the actual cost of collection, not to exceed 2 percent, shall be transmitted to the land authority of the county from which the revenue was generated. Such funds shall be used to purchase property in the area or areas of critical state concern in the county from which the revenue was generated. An amount not to exceed 10 percent may be used for administration and other costs incident to such purchases. However, the proceeds of the surcharges imposed and collected pursuant to this section in a state park or parks located wholly within a municipality, less the costs of collection as provided herein, shall be transmitted to that municipality for use by the municipality for land acquisition or for beach renourishment or restoration, including, but not limited to, costs associated with any design, permitting, monitoring, and mitigation of such work, as well as the work itself. However, these funds may not be included in any calculation used for providing state matching funds for local contributions for beach renourishment or restoration. The surcharges levied under this section shall remain imposed as long as the land authority is in existence.

Section 3. The state is exempt from the provisions of s. 588.15, Florida Statutes, with respect to any property within the state park system that has free-roaming animal populations.

Section 4. Jack Mashburn Marina designated; Department of Environmental Protection to erect suitable markers.—

(1) The marina commonly referred to as the “boat basin” on Grand Lagoon at St. Andrews State Park in Bay County is designated as “Jack Mashburn Marina.”

(2) The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to erect suitable markers designating Jack Mashburn Marina as described in subsection (1).

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2011.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 2, 2011.