

CHAPTER 2017-27

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 185

An act relating to state park fees; creating s. 258.0142, F.S.; providing certain discounts on state park fees to specified foster and adoptive families; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks within the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, to establish certain documentation standards and create a procedure for obtaining the discounts; requiring the division to continue a partnership with the Department of Children and Families to promote fostering and adoption of special needs children with certain events; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 258.0142, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

258.0142 Foster and adoptive family state park fee discounts.—

(1) To promote awareness of the contributions made by foster families and adoptive families to the vitality of the state, the Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on state park fees to persons who present written documentation satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

(a) Families operating a licensed family foster home under s. 409.175 shall receive family annual entrance passes at no charge and a 50 percent discount on base campsite fees at state parks.

(b) Families who adopt a special needs child as described in s. 409.166(2)(a)2. from the Department of Children and Families shall receive a one-time family annual entrance pass at no charge at the time of the adoption.

(2) The division, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, shall identify the types of documentation sufficient to establish eligibility for the discounts under this section and establish a procedure for obtaining the discounts.

(3) The division shall continue its partnership with the Department of Children and Families to promote fostering and adoption of special needs children with events held each year during National Foster Care Month and National Adoption Month.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor May 23, 2017.

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