

CHAPTER 2023-62

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 109

An act relating to state park campsite reservations; amending s. 258.014, F.S.; requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection to allow residents and nonresidents to make state park cabin and campsite reservations within specified timeframes; requiring Florida residents to provide information from their Florida driver license or identification card for certain reservations made in advance; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 258.014, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258.014 Fees for Use of state parks; fees for use; campsite reservations.

(1) FEES FOR USE.—

(a) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall have the power to charge reasonable fees, rentals, or charges for the use or operation of facilities and concessions in state parks, ~~and~~ All such fees, rentals, and charges so collected must ~~shall~~ be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of “State Park Trust Fund,” which is hereby created, the continuing balance of which fund is hereby appropriated to be expended by the ~~the~~ said division for the administration, improvement, and maintenance of state parks and for the acquisition and development of lands hereafter acquired for state park purposes. The appropriation of the ~~the~~ said fund shall be continuing, and may ~~shall~~ not revert to the General Revenue Fund at the end of any fiscal year or at any other time but shall, until expended, be continually available to the ~~the~~ said division for the uses and purposes set forth.

(b)(2) Any moneys received in trust by the division by gift, devise, appropriation, or otherwise shall, subject to the terms of such trust, be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer in a fund to be known as the “State Park Trust Fund,” and shall be subject to withdrawal upon application of the ~~such~~ division for expenditure or investment in accordance with the terms of the trust. Unless prohibited by the terms of the trust by which the moneys are derived, all ~~of~~ such moneys may be invested as provided by law.

(2) RESERVATIONS.—

(a) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall allow individuals to make reservations for state park cabins and campsites, including sites for RV, tent, boat, and equestrian camping, as follows:

1. For Florida residents, reservations up to 11 months in advance; and

2. For nonresidents, reservations up to 10 months in advance.

(b) A Florida resident who wishes to book a state park cabin or campsite more than 10 months in advance must provide his or her valid Florida driver license number or the identification number from a Florida identification card issued under s. 322.051 as proof of Florida residency when making a reservation.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor May 11, 2023.

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