

CHAPTER 253—H.F.No. 554

An act relating to natural resources; changing certain provisions relating to state park permits; authorizing and assessing fees for state park permits for second vehicles; authorizing a state park permit exemption for Interstate Park under reciprocal agreement with Wisconsin; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 85; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 85.05.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [85.052] SPECIAL USES OF STATE PARKS.

Subdivision 1. RULES. The commissioner may make rules for the use of state parks including:

(1) special parking space for automobiles or other motor-driven vehicles in a state park or state recreation area;

(2) special parking spurs, campgrounds for automobiles, sites for tent camping, and special auto trailer coach parking spaces, for the use of the individual charged for the space;

(3) improvement and maintenance of golf courses already established in state parks, and charging reasonable use fees;

(4) state park pageant areas that may be established in a state park to have historical or other pageants conducted by the commissioner of a state agency or other public agency; and

(5) providing water, sewer, and electric service to trailer or tent campsites and charging a reasonable use fee.

Subd. 2. STATE PARK PAGEANTS. The commissioner may stage state park pageants in a state park, municipal park, or on other land near or adjoining a state park and charge an entrance or use fee for the pageant. All receipts from the pageants must be used in the same manner as though the pageants were conducted in a state park.

Subd. 3. FEE FOR CERTAIN PARKING AND CAMPSITE USE. (a) An individual using spaces in state parks under subdivision 1, clause (2), shall be charged daily rates determined and set by the commissioner in a manner and amount consistent with the type of facility provided for the accommodation of guests in a particular park and with similar facilities offered for tourist camping and similar use in the area.

(b) The fee for special parking spurs, campgrounds for automobiles, sites for tent camping, and special auto trailer coach parking spaces is one-half of the fee set in paragraph (a) on Sunday through Thursday of each week for:

(1) an individual age 65 or over who is a resident of the state and who furnishes satisfactory proof of age and residence;

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(2) a physically handicapped person with a motor vehicle that has special plates issued under section 168.021, subdivision 1; or

(3) a physically handicapped person who possesses a certificate issued under section 169.345, subdivision 3.

Subd. 4. DEPOSIT OF FEES. (a) Fees paid for special state park uses under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state park maintenance and operation account.

(b) Gross receipts derived from sales, rentals, or leases of natural resources within state parks, recreation areas, and waysides, other than those on trust fund lands, must be deposited in the state treasury and be credited to the state park maintenance and operation account.

Sec. 2. [85.053] STATE PARK PERMITS.

Subdivision 1. FORM, ISSUANCE, VALIDITY. (a) The commissioner shall prepare and provide state park permits for each calendar year that state a motor vehicle may enter and use state parks, state recreation areas, and state waysides over 50 acres in area. State park permits must be available and placed on sale by October 1 of the year preceding the calendar year that the permit is valid.

(b) A state park permit may be affixed when purchased and used from the time it is affixed until the end of the calendar year for which it is issued. State park permits in each category must be numbered consecutively for each year of issue.

(c) State park permits shall be issued by employees of the division of parks and recreation as designated by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. REQUIREMENT. Except as provided in section 3, a motor vehicle may not enter a state park, state recreation area, or state wayside over 50 acres in area, without a state park permit issued under this section. The state park permit must be affixed to the lower right corner windshield of the motor vehicle and must be completely affixed by its own adhesive to the windshield.

Subd. 3. SECOND VEHICLE PERMITS. The commissioner shall prescribe and issue second vehicle state park permits for persons who own more than one motor vehicle and who request a second permit for the second vehicle on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may issue an applicant only one second vehicle permit.

Subd. 4. TWO-DAY PERMITS. The commissioner shall prescribe a special state park permit for use of state parks, state recreation areas, or state waysides up to two days under conditions prescribed by the commissioner.

Subd. 5. DAILY VEHICLE PERMIT FOR GROUPS. The commissioner may authorize special daily vehicle state park permits for groups by rule.

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Subd. 6. EMPLOYEE'S PERMIT. (a) The commissioner shall prescribe and issue an employee's state park permit to state employees, peace officers, and contractors, that must enter areas where state park permits are required to perform official duties. An employee, peace officer, or contractor must display the special permit on the motor vehicle in the same manner as state park permits are displayed.

(b) A motor vehicle displaying only an employee's state park permit may not enter a place where state park permits are required if the vehicle is used for purposes other than performing official duties.

Subd. 7. HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND PERSONS OVER AGE 65. (a) The commissioner shall prescribe and issue special state park permits for:

(1) an individual age 65 years or older who furnishes satisfactory proof of age and is a resident of the state;

(2) a physically handicapped person with a motor vehicle that has special plates issued under section 168.021, subdivision 1; and

(3) up to two days for a physically handicapped person who possesses a certificate issued under section 169.345, subdivision 3.

(b) The permit or the decal issued under this subdivision is valid only when displayed on a vehicle owned and occupied by the person to whom the permit is issued.

Sec. 3. [85.054] STATE PARK PERMIT EXEMPTIONS.

Subdivision 1. STATE PARK OPEN HOUSE DAY. (a) A state park permit is not required for a motor vehicle to enter a state park, state monument, state recreation area, or state wayside, on one day each calendar year, which the commissioner may designate as state park open house day. The commissioner may designate two consecutive days as state park open house day, if the open house is held in conjunction with a special pageant described in section 1, subdivision 2.

(b) The commissioner shall announce the date of state park open house day at least 30 days in advance of the date it occurs.

(c) The state park open house day is to acquaint the public with state parks, recreation areas, and waysides.

Subd. 2. FORT SNELLING MEMORIAL CHAPEL ISLAND. A state park permit is not required and a fee may not be charged for motor vehicle entry or parking at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Island portion of Fort Snelling State Park.

Subd. 3. INTERSTATE PARK. A Minnesota state park permit is not required at Interstate Park if a valid, current, Wisconsin state park permit or

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sticker authorizing entry of a motor vehicle into Wisconsin state parks is appropriately displayed on the vehicle and the commissioner has entered into an agreement with appropriate officials of the state of Wisconsin that authorizes motor vehicles displaying Minnesota state park permits free entry into Interstate State Park of Wisconsin on a reciprocal basis.

Sec. 4. [85.055] STATE PARK PERMIT FEES.

Subdivision 1. FEES. The fee for state park permits for:

(1) an annual use of state parks is \$15;

(2) a second vehicle state park permit is one-half the annual state park permit fee in clause (1);

(3) a special state park permit valid up to two days is \$3;

(4) a special daily vehicle state park permit for groups is as prescribed by the commissioner;

(5) an employee's state park permit is without charge;

(6) a special state park permit for handicapped persons and persons over age 65 under section 2, subdivision 7, clauses (1) and (2), is one-half the annual state park permit fee in clause (1) of this subdivision; and

(7) a special state park permit valid up to two days for handicapped persons and persons over age 65 under section 2, subdivision 7, clauses (1) and (3), is one-half of the special state park permit fee in clause (3) of this subdivision.

Subd. 2. FEE DEPOSIT AND APPROPRIATION. The fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state park maintenance and operation account. Appropriations from the account shall be for state park maintenance and operation.

Sec. 5. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 85.05, is repealed.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective 30 days after final enactment.

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