

**SENATE BILL NO. 165**

January 28, 1999, Introduced by Senator JAYE and referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 74117 (MCL 324.74117), as added by 1995 PA  
58.

**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  
3 of a state park posted in the manner prescribed by this part.  
4 The department shall prepare and distribute park permits to  
5 implement this part.  
6       (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an annual  
7 park permit shall be issued and shall authorize the entry of the  
8 motor vehicle to which it is originally attached within the  
9 confines of any state park or recreation area during the calendar  
10 year in which issued. The fee for the annual park permit is

1 ~~\$18.00 in 1994, and \$20.00, in 1995 and thereafter,~~ except  
2 that an owner of a resident motor vehicle who is 65 years of age  
3 or older shall be issued a special annual park permit for 1/4 the  
4 amount of the annual park permit.

5 (3) A daily park permit, valid for 1 day only, shall be  
6 issued for a fee to be ~~fixed~~ ESTABLISHED by the department, but  
7 in an amount not to exceed \$4.00 for resident motor vehicles and  
8 \$6.00 for nonresident motor vehicles. The fee for nonresident  
9 motor vehicles may be \$4.00 in all parks except where nonresident  
10 day use is extremely high. The department shall identify parks  
11 where nonresident day use is extremely high and set the nonresi-  
12 dent fee at \$6.00. The daily permit shall authorize the entry of  
13 the motor vehicle to which it is originally attached within the  
14 confines of a state park during the day in which issued.

15 (4) A resident motor vehicle is a vehicle that is registered  
16 as a motor vehicle in this state.

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

1 park permits in accordance with this part. IF A CONSERVATION  
2 OFFICER IS IN THE VICINITY OF A STATE PARK OFFICE WHERE PARK PER-  
3 MITS ARE SOLD, THE CONSERVATION OFFICER SHALL ISSUE PARK PERMITS  
4 AND COLLECT PARK PERMIT FEES WHEN REQUESTED BY A STATE PARK  
5 VISITOR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRAIN CONSERVATION OFFICERS HOW TO  
6 ISSUE STATE PARK PERMITS AND COLLECT PARK PERMIT FEES.

7 (6) Commercial motor coaches or vans are not eligible to  
8 enter a state park with an annual park permit. The department  
9 may establish a daily fee not to exceed \$15.00 to allow commer-  
10 cial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of over 12 passengers  
11 daily entry into a state park.

12 (7) The department may add to the cost of a reservation or  
13 ~~for payment for~~ a motor vehicle entrance or camping fee the  
14 charges that the state incurs because of the use of a credit  
15 card.