

HOUSE BILL No. 4427

March 7, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Richardville, Ehardt, Raczkowski, Van Woerkom, Vander Veen, Caul, Julian, Pappageorge, Birkholz, Neumann, Bovin, Tabor, Spade, Rocca and Rivet and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

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 IT IS issued. The fee for the annual park permit

1 is ~~-\$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 OR WHO IS A VETERAN shall be issued a special annual
4 park permit for 1/4 the amount of the annual park permit. A VET-
5 ERAN SHALL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER
6 PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT HE OR SHE IS ELIGIBLE FOR A
7 SPECIAL ANNUAL PARK PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

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

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

20 (5) This part applies only to the entry of motor vehicles
21 into the state parks and to the park permits authorized in this
22 part and does not obviate the necessity of obtaining additional
23 permits for special services or park privileges as ~~previously or~~
24 ~~subsequently may be~~ required by law or by rules promulgated by
25 the department. The department shall designate each person in
26 the state authorized to sell park permits and shall require as a
27 condition of the designation that a surety bond be furnished in

1 an amount and in a form and with the surety as is acceptable to
2 the department. A person designated by the department ~~after~~
3 ~~being designated~~ may issue park permits in accordance with this
4 part.

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

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

14 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO
15 HAS SERVED IN THE MILITARY, NAVAL, MARINE, OR COAST GUARD FORCES,
16 OR IN THE NATIONAL GUARD, OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHO WAS
17 RELEASED OR DISCHARGED UNDER HONORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.