

# HOUSE BILL No. 6203

June 4, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Horn, Huizenga, Moss, Casperson, Rocca, Knollenberg, Stahl, Booher, Garfield, Schuitmaker, Opsommer, Brandenburg, Pastor, Hoogendyk and Hildenbrand and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 74117 (MCL 324.74117), as amended by 2006 PA  
477.

## 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 of  
3 a state park posted in the manner prescribed by this part. The  
4 department may waive the **PARK** permit requirement for department-  
5 sponsored events or other circumstances as determined by the  
6 director or the director's designee. **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WAIVE THE**  
7 **PARK PERMIT REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR ALL RESIDENT MOTOR**  
8 **VEHICLES DURING 1 WEEKEND IN EACH OF THE 4 SEASONS.** The department  
9 shall prepare and distribute park permits to implement this part.

10       (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an annual

1 park permit shall be issued and shall authorize the entry of the  
2 motor vehicle to which it is originally attached within the  
3 confines of any state park or recreation area during the calendar  
4 year for which it is issued. The fee for the annual park permit is  
5 as follows:

6 (a) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a resident motor  
7 vehicle, \$24.00, except as follows:

8 (i) The fee for the owner of a resident motor vehicle who is 65  
9 years of age or older is \$6.00.

10 (ii) The fee for the owner of a resident motor vehicle who, at  
11 the time of purchase, is in possession of a food stamp card and  
12 personal identification is \$18.00.

13 (b) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a nonresident  
14 motor vehicle, \$29.00.

15 (3) A daily permit, valid for 1 day only, shall authorize the  
16 entry of the motor vehicle to which it is originally attached  
17 within the confines of a state park during the day for which it is  
18 issued. The fee for a daily permit is as follows:

19 (a) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a resident motor  
20 vehicle, \$6.00.

21 (b) Until January 1, 2010, for the owner of a nonresident  
22 motor vehicle, \$8.00.

23 (4) A person who has obtained an annual motor vehicle permit  
24 under this section for a recreational vehicle to be used as a  
25 stationary primary camping shelter camped legally in and not moved  
26 from a state park campground during the period of the camping stay  
27 may obtain a duplicate motor vehicle permit for a towed second

1 motor vehicle present at the time of entry for a fee of \$6.00  
2 effective for the duration of camping stay.

3 (5) The department shall provide to the standing committees in  
4 the senate and house of representatives along with the appropriate  
5 budget subcommittees that primarily consider issues pertaining to  
6 natural resources an annual report that details the revenue stream  
7 generated by the fee structure under this section. This report  
8 shall be presented not later than December 31 each year and shall  
9 include information on the impact of the revenue stream on the  
10 Michigan state parks endowment fund created in section 35a of  
11 article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and provided for in  
12 section 74119, the use of the general fund for funding the state  
13 park system, and other relevant issues that impact funding needs  
14 for the state park system.

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

26 (7) Commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of more  
27 than 12 passengers are not eligible to enter a state park with an

1 annual park permit. Until January 1, 2010, the daily fee to allow  
2 commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of over 12  
3 passengers daily entry into a state park is \$15.00.

4 (8) The department may add to the cost of a reservation or a  
5 motor vehicle entrance or camping fee the charges that the state  
6 incurs because of the use of a credit card.

7 (9) If a person's annual park permit is lost or destroyed, the  
8 department shall provide that person with a replacement park permit  
9 free of charge. The department may require a person requesting a  
10 replacement park permit to supply sufficient evidence of the loss  
11 or destruction of the original park permit.

12 (10) It is the intent of the legislature that if, on September  
13 30 of any state fiscal year, the amount of money in the  
14 countercyclical budget and economic stabilization fund created in  
15 section 351 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL  
16 18.1351, exceeds \$250,000,000.00, then general fund/general purpose  
17 support for state parks operations for the following state fiscal  
18 year shall be equal to or exceed 50% of the revenues generated by  
19 motor vehicle entrance fees under this section during the previous  
20 state fiscal year.

21 (11) As used in this section: ~~—"resident"~~

22 (A) **"RESIDENT** motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is  
23 registered as a motor vehicle in this state.

24 (B) **"WEEKEND" MEANS A CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**