

HOUSE BILL No. 5023

August 13, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Milosch, Garfield, McConico, Phillips, Drolet, Brandenburg, Acciavatti and Meyer 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~~ for which it is issued. The fee for the annual park

1 permit is ~~-\$18.00 in 1994, and~~ \$20.00, ~~in 1995 and thereafter,~~
2 except that an owner of a resident motor vehicle who is 65 years
3 of age or older shall be issued a special annual park permit for
4 1/4 the 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. **However, until December**
9 **31, 2004, members of the armed forces of the United States who**
10 **are in possession of a global war on terrorism expeditionary**
11 **medal or a global war on terrorism service medal shall be issued**
12 **a daily park permit free of charge.** The fee for nonresident motor
13 vehicles may be \$4.00 in all parks except where nonresident day
14 use is extremely high. The department shall identify parks where
15 nonresident day use is extremely high and set the nonresident fee
16 at \$6.00. The daily permit shall authorize the entry of the
17 motor vehicle to which it is originally attached within the
18 confines of a state park during the day ~~in~~ **for which it is**
19 issued.

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

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

1 the state authorized to sell park permits and shall require as a
2 condition of the designation that a surety bond be furnished in
3 an amount and in a form and with the surety as is acceptable to
4 the department. A person designated by the department ~~after~~
5 ~~being designated~~ may issue park permits in accordance with this
6 part.

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
10 commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of over 12
11 passengers 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.