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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state park fee discounts for senior citizens; amending s. 258.0145, F.S.; providing a discount on annual entrance passes for certain senior citizens during a specified period; directing the Department of Environmental Protection to report certain information to the Governor and Legislature; providing for expiration; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 258.0145, Florida Statutes, to read:

258.0145 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter State park fee discounts.—The Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the following discounts on park fees to persons who present written documentation satisfactory to the division which evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

(5) Senior citizens who are 65 years of age or older shall receive a 25-percent discount on annual entrance passes purchased July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. The department shall report by June 30, 2017, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the total number of passes purchased pursuant to this subsection.

This subsection expires July 1, 2017.

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Section 2. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of
\$200,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection for
the purpose of offsetting the loss of revenue to the State Park
Trust Fund as a result of the 25-percent discount provided in s.
258.0145(5), Florida Statutes.
Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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