

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to state park fees; creating s.
 3 258.0142, F.S.; providing certain discounts on state
 4 park fees to specified foster and adoptive families;
 5 requiring the Division of Recreation and Parks within
 6 the Department of Environmental Protection, in
 7 consultation with the Department of Children and
 8 Families, to establish certain documentation standards
 9 and create a procedure for obtaining the discounts;
 10 requiring the division to continue a partnership with
 11 the Department of Children and Families to promote
 12 fostering and adoption of special needs children with
 13 certain events; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Section 258.0142, Florida Statutes, is created
 18 to read:

19 258.0142 Foster and adoptive family state park fee
 20 discounts.-

21 (1) To promote awareness of the contributions made by
 22 foster families and adoptive families to the vitality of the
 23 state, the Division of Recreation and Parks shall provide the
 24 following discounts on state park fees to persons who present
 25 written documentation satisfactory to the division which

26 | evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

27 | (a) Families operating a licensed family foster home under
28 | s. 409.175 shall receive family annual entrance passes at no
29 | charge and a waiver of current base campsite fees at state
30 | parks.

31 | (b) Families who adopt a special needs child as described
32 | in s. 409.166(2)(a)2. from the Department of Children and
33 | Families shall receive a one-time family annual entrance pass at
34 | no charge at the time of the adoption.

35 | (2) The division, in consultation with the Department of
36 | Children and Families, shall identify the types of documentation
37 | sufficient to establish eligibility for the discounts under this
38 | section and establish a procedure for obtaining the discounts.

39 | (3) The division shall continue its partnership with the
40 | Department of Children and Families to promote fostering and
41 | adoption of special needs children with events held each year
42 | during National Foster Care Month and National Adoption Month.

43 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.