

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Senators Bean and Mayfield

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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 to  
7 establish certain documentation standards and create a  
8 procedure for obtaining the discounts; requiring the  
9 division to continue a partnership with the Department  
10 of Children and Families to promote fostering and  
11 adoption of special needs children with certain  
12 events; providing an effective date.

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

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

18 258.0142 Foster and adoptive family state park fee  
19 discounts.-

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

26 (a) Families operating a licensed family foster home under  
27 s. 409.175 shall receive family annual entrance passes at no  
28 charge and a 50 percent discount on base campsite fees at state  
29 parks.

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

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

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

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