

**By** the Committees on Community Affairs; and Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Abruzzo

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to discounts on public facility fees  
3       and fares; creating s. 125.028, F.S.; requiring  
4       counties to provide partial or full discounts on park  
5       entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the  
6       spouses and parents of certain deceased military  
7       members, law enforcement officers, and firefighters;  
8       requiring that individuals seeking the discount  
9       present written documentation satisfactory to the  
10      county which evidences eligibility; defining the term  
11      "park entrance fee" and providing certain exclusions;  
12      creating s. 163.58, F.S.; requiring regional  
13      transportation authorities to provide partial or full  
14      discounts on fares and on other charges for certain  
15      disabled veterans; creating s. 166.0447, F.S.;  
16      requiring municipalities to provide partial or full  
17      discounts on park entrance fees to military members,  
18      veterans, and the spouses and parents of certain  
19      deceased military members, law enforcement officers,  
20      and firefighters; requiring that individuals seeking  
21      the discount present written documentation  
22      satisfactory to the municipality which evidences  
23      eligibility; defining the term "park entrance fee" and  
24      providing certain exclusions; providing an effective  
25      date.

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

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29       Section 1. Section 125.028, Florida Statutes, is created to

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30 read:

31 125.028 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter county  
32 park fee discounts.-

33 (1) A county park or recreation department shall provide a  
34 partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the  
35 following individuals who present written documentation  
36 satisfactory to the county department which evidences  
37 eligibility for the discount:

38 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces or  
39 its reserve components, or the National Guard.

40 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
41 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard.

42 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
43 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard,  
44 who has a service-connected disability as determined by the  
45 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

46 (d) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of  
47 the United States Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the  
48 National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-  
49 related conditions.

50 (e) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement  
51 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as  
52 defined in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

53 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"  
54 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a county park or  
55 recreation department. The term does not include expanded  
56 amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic  
57 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special  
58 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or

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59 programs taking place within public lands.

60 Section 2. Section 163.58, Florida Statutes, is created to  
61 read:

62 163.58 Transportation fare discounts.—A regional  
63 transportation authority shall provide a partial or a full  
64 discount on fares and on other charges to a disabled veteran as  
65 described in s. 295.07(1)(a) for the use of a transportation  
66 system or transportation facility owned or operated by the  
67 authority upon a showing of written documentation satisfactory  
68 to the authority which evidences eligibility for the discount.

69 Section 3. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created  
70 to read:

71 166.0447 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter  
72 municipal park fee discounts.—

73 (1) A municipal park or recreation department shall provide  
74 a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the  
75 following individuals who present written documentation  
76 satisfactory to the municipal department which evidences  
77 eligibility for the discount:

78 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces or  
79 its reserve components, or the National Guard.

80 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
81 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard.

82 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
83 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard,  
84 who has a service-connected disability as determined by the  
85 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

86 (d) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of  
87 the United States Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the

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91 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as  
92 defined in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

93 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"  
94 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a municipal park  
95 or recreation department. The term does not include expanded  
96 amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic  
97 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special  
98 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or  
99 programs taking place within public lands.

100 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.