

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS, GEORGE, SIPTROTH, GEIST, GINGRICH,
HARRIS, HESS, KORTZ, SCAVELLO, STABACK, SWANGER AND
YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 19, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MARCH 19, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An
2 act creating the Department of Conservation and Natural
3 Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department
4 of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community
5 Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources
6 as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the
7 role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of
8 Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities
9 of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of
10 Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the
11 Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts," in
12 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, further
13 providing for fees and charges.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 314 of the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89,
17 No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, is
18 amended to read:

19 Section 314. Fees and charges.

20 (a) General rule.--Whenever the department imposes fees or
21 charges for activities, admissions, uses or privileges,
22 including charges for concessions, at or relating to State

1 parks, such charges or fees shall be used solely for the
2 acquisition, maintenance, operation or administration of the
3 State park system and are hereby appropriated for such purposes.

4 (b) Parking at and general admission to State parks.--

5 (1) The department shall not adopt or impose any charges
6 or fees for parking or general admission to State parks
7 unless the charges were imposed prior to January 1, 1995.

8 (2) The department may continue to impose and modify
9 parking charges and fees applicable to specific services or
10 units within the State park system which were imposed prior
11 to January 1, 1995, and may impose charges or fees for
12 admission to and for use of specific services and facilities
13 in State parks.

14 (c) Trailer sites at State parks.--The department shall not
15 adopt or impose any charges or fees for use of trailer sites in
16 State parks by persons who are at least 80 years of age.

17 (d) Previous powers of Environmental Quality Board.--The
18 department shall continue to exercise the powers previously
19 vested in the Environmental Quality Board regarding the
20 imposition of fees and charges for State parks and State
21 forests.

22 Section 2. Any regulation is abrogated to the extent of any
23 inconsistency with this act.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.