



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1311

PRINTERS NO. 1531

PRIME SPONSOR: Murt

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund; State Parks User Fees	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1311, Printer's Number 1531, provides a 15 percent discount at state parks to active duty and retired military members as well as disabled veterans and immediate family members.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 314 (Fees and Charges) of the Conservation and Natural Resources Act (Act 18 of 1995) to include a discount for military members. Upon presenting proper identification as determined by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the agency shall provide a discount of 15% on all fees and charges for activities, admissions, uses or privileges, including charges for concessions, at or relating to State parks to all of the following:

1. An active duty member of the United States Armed Forces.
2. A retired military member of the United States Armed Forces.
3. A veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is 100% service-related disabled as certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
4. An immediate family member of an individual listed under #1, #2 or #3 above.

The bill would take effect in 60 days after enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: DCNR collected \$26.6 million in State Parks User Fee revenues in FY2018-19, which are used to augment the agency's General Fund appropriation for State Parks Operations. Such revenues include cabin rentals, marina slip rentals, pavilion reservations, launch permits, recreational equipment rentals, swimming pool admissions and food concessions. Providing a 15% discount on these state parks user fees in accordance with the bill would result in an indeterminable revenue reduction as it is unknown specifically the number of visitors that pay state parks user fees who are active military, retired military, 100% military service-related disabled individuals or their immediate family members. The department estimates they would incur approximately \$200,000 in information technology costs to incorporate the discount and related changes into the agency reservation system.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.