
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2806 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, JAMES, NEILSON, MOUL, RADER AND SAYLOR,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
AUGUST 21, 2020

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
23 parks, such charges or fees shall be used solely for the

1 acquisition, maintenance, operation or administration of the
2 State park system and are hereby appropriated for such purposes.

3 (b) Parking and admission.--The department [~~shall not~~] may
4 adopt or impose [~~any~~] charges or fees for parking or general
5 admission to [~~State parks unless the charges were imposed prior~~
6 ~~to January 1, 1995. The department may continue to impose and~~
7 ~~modify parking charges and fees applicable to specific services~~
8 ~~or units within the State park system which were imposed prior~~
9 ~~to January 1, 1995,] a specific State park in such amounts as
10 are necessary to provide for the maintenance, operation or
11 administration of that State park and may impose charges or fees
12 for admission to and for use of specific services and facilities
13 in State parks.~~

14 (c) Powers of department.--The department shall continue to
15 exercise the powers previously vested in the Environmental
16 Quality Board regarding the imposition of fees and charges for
17 State parks and State forests.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.