

CHAPTER 179  
SB 237-FN – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL        **237-FN**

AN ACT            relative to field purchases and transfers of funds for the state park system and the bureau of trails, and the use of gifts and donations to the division of parks and recreation.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Renzullo, Hills 27; Rep. Russell, Belk 6; Rep. Ahlgren, Carr 4

COMMITTEE:      Energy and Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Eliminates the deadline on field purchases and transfers of funds for the state park system and the bureau of trails.

II. Establishes a fund to collect gifts and donations to the state park system.

This bill is a request of the department of resources and economic development, division of parks and recreation.

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Explanation:      Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

AN ACT                   relative to field purchases and transfers of funds for the state park system and the bureau of trails, and the use of gifts and donations to the division of parks and recreation.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           179:1 State Park System; Deadline for Field Purchases and Transfer of Funds Eliminated.  
2 Amend RSA 216-A:3-m to read as follows:

3           216-A:3-m Field Purchases and Transfer of Funds.

4           I. Notwithstanding RSA 21-I:17-a, I, the director of the division of parks and recreation may  
5 make purchases using field purchase orders for expenditures of up to \$2,000 for the state park  
6 system and facilities [~~through June 30, 2012~~].

7           II. The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development may  
8 transfer funds between and among the appropriations for the operation of the state park system  
9 [~~through June 30, 2012~~]. The commissioner shall submit a report on a quarterly basis to the fiscal  
10 committee of the general court, the governor and council, and the chairmen of the house and senate  
11 executive departments and administration committees, the chairman of the resources, recreation  
12 and development committee, and the chairman of the wildlife, fish and game and agriculture  
13 committee of all transfers made under this paragraph. RSA 9:17-a and RSA 9:17-c shall not apply to  
14 transfers made under this paragraph.

15           179:2 State Park System; Deadline for Field Purchases and Transfer of Funds Eliminated.  
16 Amend RSA 215-A:3, II-a and II-b to read as follows:

17           II-a. Notwithstanding RSA 21-I:17-a, I, the director of the division of parks and recreation  
18 may make purchases using field purchase orders for expenditures of up to \$2,000 for the state trail  
19 system and facilities [~~through June 30, 2012~~].

20           II-b. The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development may  
21 transfer funds between and among the appropriations for the bureau of trails [~~through June 30,~~  
22 ~~2012~~]. The commissioner shall submit a report on a quarterly basis to the fiscal committee of the  
23 general court, the governor and council, and the chairmen of the house and senate executive  
24 departments and administration committees, the chairman of the resources, recreation and  
25 development committee, and the chairman of the wildlife, fish and game and agriculture committee  
26 of all transfers made under this paragraph. RSA 9:17-a and RSA 9:17-c shall not apply to transfers  
27 made under this paragraph.

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1           179:3 State Park System; Deadline for Field Purchases and Transfer of Funds Eliminated.  
2 Amend RSA 215-C:2, VIII-a and VIII-b to read as follows:

3           VIII-a. Notwithstanding RSA 21-I:17-a, I, the director of the division of parks and recreation  
4 may make purchases using field purchase orders for expenditures of up to \$2,000 for the state trail  
5 system and facilities [~~through June 30, 2012~~].

6           VIII-b. The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development may  
7 transfer funds between and among the appropriations for the bureau of trails [~~through June 30,~~  
8 ~~2012~~]. The commissioner shall submit a report on a quarterly basis to the fiscal committee of the  
9 general court, the governor and council, and the chairmen of the house and senate executive  
10 departments and administration committees, the chairman of the resources, recreation and  
11 development committee, and the chairman of the wildlife, fish and game and agriculture committee  
12 of all transfers made under this paragraph. RSA 9:17-a and RSA 9:17-c shall not apply to transfers  
13 made under this paragraph.

14           179:4 New Section; State Park Gifts and Donations Fund Established. Amend RSA 216-A by  
15 inserting after section 3-m the following new section:

16           216-A:3-n State Park Gifts and Donations; Account Established.

17           I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, individual gifts and donations  
18 not exceeding \$2,500 in value in a fiscal year may be received by the division of parks and recreation  
19 without the approval of the governor or the governor and council. Individual gifts and donations  
20 exceeding \$2,500 in value in a fiscal year may be received by the division of parks and recreation  
21 with the approval of the governor and council.

22           II. There is established an account within the division of parks and recreation to be known  
23 as the state parks gifts and donations account. Moneys in the state park gifts and donations account  
24 are nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the division of parks and recreation. All gifts and  
25 donations to the division of parks and recreation shall be deposited in this account, except gifts and  
26 donations made to the division in support of a specific program that has an established dedicated  
27 account which shall be deposited into the appropriate dedicated account and expended in accordance  
28 with the purpose of the dedicated account.

29           179:5 New Subparagraph; State Park Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after  
30 subparagraph (307) the following new subparagraph:

31                   (308) Moneys deposited in the state park gifts and donations fund established in  
32 RSA 216-A:3-n.

33           179:6 Contingent Renumbering. If SB 330 of the 2012 regular legislative session becomes law,  
34 RSA 216-A:3-n as inserted by section 4 of this act and referenced in section 5 of this act shall be  
35 renumbered as RSA 216-A:3-o.

36           179:7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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