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SENATE BILL ***190-FN***

AN ACT relative to admission fees for certain persons at state parks and historical sites.

SPONSORS: Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Rep. Renzullo, Hills 37; Rep. Borden, Rock 24

COMMITTEE: Finance

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires persons over the age of 65 who are admitted to state parks and historical sites without charge to pay the usual cost of for the use of any uphill devices and for enterprise functions. This bill eliminates the discount coupon fee books issued by the director of the division of parks and recreation. The bill also prohibits any discounts in such fees for members of the general court, general court staff, governor and council, and governor's staff.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Thirteen

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

1 1 Fees for Park System. Amend RSA 218:5-c to read as follows:

2 218:5-c Admission Without Charge. Any person who is a resident of this state and who has
3 attained the age of 65 shall, upon proper identification, be admitted to any state recreation area,
4 including but not limited to parks, historical sites, beaches, and state-operated ski areas, without
5 charge. Persons qualifying under this section shall be allowed to use any state owned facility within
6 the recreation area without charge for the use of the facility, except persons qualifying under this
7 section shall be charged the usual fee for the use of so-called “uphill devices” ~~[on Saturdays and~~
8 ~~Sundays]~~ **and enterprise functions, as listed in RSA 216-A:3-g, II.** Provided further that other
9 special charges at state owned recreation areas, such as fees charged for parking at parking meters,
10 shall be charged persons qualifying under this section at the usual rates. The provisions of this
11 section shall not apply to state owned campsites or camping areas or state-owned ski areas operated
12 by a lessee.

13 2 New Section; Admission to State Parks; General Court; General Court Staff; Governor and
14 Council; Governor’s Staff. Amend RSA 218 by inserting after section 5-c the following new section:

15 218:5-d Admission to State Parks for Members of the General Court, General Court Staff,
16 Governor and Council, and Governor’s Staff. Current members of the general court, general court
17 staff, the governor and council, and the governor’s staff shall not receive any discounts for admission
18 to state recreation areas, including but not limited to, parks, historical sites, beaches, and state-
19 operated ski areas unless the purpose of such visit is state business. This section shall not be
20 construed to prohibit any person who is a veteran from receiving discounts for admission to such
21 areas in accordance with RSA 216-A:3-g or any eligible person from receiving a discount under
22 RSA 218:5-c.

23 3 New Paragraph; State Employees; Discount for Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites.
24 Amend RSA 216-A:3-g by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

25 VIII. The difference of regular admission minus any discounts state employees receive for
26 admission to state parks and historic sites which are part of a collective bargaining agreement shall
27 be paid by the employee’s employing state agency. Such funds shall be deposited into the fund where
28 the fee would have been deposited had it been collected.

29 4 Repeal. RSA 218:5-b, relative to discount coupons for state parks, is repealed.

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1 5 Effective Date.

2 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

3 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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SB 190 FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill, **as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2013-1034s)**, as it is awaiting information from the Department of Resources and Economic Development. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the Senate Clerk's Office.