
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 171—ASSEMBLYWOMAN BILBRAY-AXELROD

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Expands veterans who may receive free admission to state parks and other recreational areas. (BDR 35-4)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterans; expanding the veterans who may receive free use of state parks and other recreational areas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides for free admission permits to state parks and recreational
2 areas for honorably discharged Nevadans who are veterans with certain service-
3 connected disabilities. (NRS 407.065) **Section 1** of this bill extends the free
4 admission permits to certain other Nevadans who are veterans.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 407.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 407.065 1. The Administrator, subject to the approval of the
3 Director:

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and NRS
5 407.066, may establish, name, plan, operate, control, protect,
6 develop and maintain state parks, monuments and recreational areas
7 for the use of the general public. The name of an existing state park,
8 monument or recreational area may not be changed unless the
9 Legislature approves the change by statute.

10 (b) Shall protect state parks and property controlled or
11 administered by the Division from misuse or damage and preserve
12 the peace within those areas. The Administrator may appoint or



1 designate certain employees of the Division to have the general
2 authority of peace officers.

3 (c) May allow multiple use of state parks and real property
4 controlled or administered by the Division for any lawful purpose,
5 including, but not limited to, grazing, mining, development of
6 natural resources, hunting and fishing, in accordance with such
7 regulations as may be adopted in furtherance of the purposes of the
8 Division.

9 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, shall impose
10 and collect reasonable fees for entering, camping and boating in
11 state parks and recreational areas. The Division shall issue an annual
12 permit for entering, camping and boating in all state parks and
13 recreational areas in this State:

14 (1) Upon application therefor and proof of residency and age,
15 to any person who is 65 years of age or older and has resided in this
16 State for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date on which
17 the application is submitted.

18 (2) Upon application therefor and proof of residency and
19 proof ~~[of status as described in subsection 5 of NRS 361.091, to a~~
20 ~~bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred a~~
21 ~~permanent service connected disability of 10 percent or more and~~
22 ~~has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United~~
23 ~~States.] that he or she is a veteran as defined in NRS 417.005.~~

24 ➤ The permit must be issued without charge, except that the
25 Division shall charge and collect an administrative fee for the
26 issuance of the permit in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of
27 issuing the permit.

28 (e) May conduct and operate such special services as may be
29 necessary for the comfort and convenience of the general public,
30 and impose and collect reasonable fees for such special services.

31 (f) May rent or lease concessions located within the boundaries
32 of state parks or of real property controlled or administered by the
33 Division to public or private corporations, to groups of natural
34 persons, or to natural persons for a valuable consideration upon such
35 terms and conditions as the Division deems fit and proper, but no
36 concessionaire may dominate any state park operation.

37 (g) May establish such capital projects construction funds as are
38 necessary to account for the parks improvements program approved
39 by the Legislature. The money in these funds must be used for the
40 construction and improvement of those parks which are under the
41 supervision of the Administrator.

42 (h) In addition to any concession specified in paragraph (f), may
43 establish concessions within the boundaries of any state park to
44 provide for the sale of food, drinks, ice, publications, sundries, gifts
45 and souvenirs, and other such related items as the Administrator



1 determines are appropriately made available to visitors. Any money
2 received by the Administrator for a concession established pursuant
3 to this paragraph must be deposited in the Account for State Park
4 Interpretative and Educational Programs and Operation of
5 Concessions created by NRS 407.0755.

6 2. The Administrator:

7 (a) Shall issue an annual permit to a person who pays a
8 reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the
9 holder of the permit to enter each state park and each recreational
10 area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4,
11 use the facilities of the state park or recreational area without paying
12 the entrance fee; and

13 (b) May issue an annual permit to a person who pays a
14 reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the
15 holder of the permit to enter a specific state park or specific
16 recreational area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in
17 subsection 4, use the facilities of the state park or recreational area
18 without paying the entrance fee.

19 3. The Administrator shall establish a program for the issuance
20 of an annual permit, free of charge, to enter each state park and
21 recreational area in this State to any pupil who is enrolled in the fifth
22 grade at a school in this State. The program must:

23 (a) Specify the period for which the Administrator may issue an
24 annual permit to a pupil pursuant to this subsection, including,
25 without limitation, the date upon which the Administrator may issue
26 an annual permit to a pupil who has completed fourth grade and
27 who intends to enter the fifth grade after completing the fourth
28 grade;

29 (b) Specify the circumstances under which a pupil and any
30 person accompanying a pupil may use the annual permit to enter a
31 state park or recreational area; and

32 (c) Include any other requirement which the Administrator
33 determines is necessary to establish and carry out the program
34 pursuant to this subsection.

35 4. An annual permit issued pursuant to subsection 2 or 3 does
36 not authorize the holder of the permit to engage in camping or
37 boating, or to attend special events. The holder of such a permit who
38 wishes to engage in camping or boating, or to attend special events,
39 must pay any fee established for the respective activity.

40 5. During each Public Lands Day observed pursuant to NRS
41 236.053, and upon proof of residency in this State, the Division
42 shall allow a resident of this State to enter, camp and boat in any
43 state park or recreational area without the payment of any fees for
44 those activities. The free day of camping authorized pursuant to this
45 subsection must include either the Friday night before Public Lands



1 Day or overnight on the night of Public Lands Day, as determined
2 by the Administrator for each state park and recreational area. A
3 person is not entitled to receive more than one free night of camping
4 during each Public Lands Day pursuant to this subsection.

5 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of NRS
6 407.0762 and subsection 1 of NRS 407.0765, the fees collected
7 pursuant to paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subsection 1 or subsection
8 2 must be deposited in the State General Fund.

