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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 715, L.D. 1093, "An Act to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Prevent the Use of the Term "State Park" by Nonstate Parks"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act Regarding Day Use Passes That May Be Used at Any State Park or Historic Site'**

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the season for visitation to state parks and historic sites will begin soon, and this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow the change made by this legislation to take effect as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1819-C is enacted to read:**

**§1819-C. Day use pass for state park or historic site**

The director shall issue, for a fee, a day use pass that can be used at a state park or historic site. The pass entitles the holder to admission to all state parks and historic sites under the jurisdiction of the bureau.

This section does not apply to a state park or historic site that is subject to a lease on the effective date of this section and managed by an entity other than the bureau. This paragraph is repealed January 1, 2030.

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**An Act to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to Prevent the Use of the Term "State Park" by Nonstate Parks**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The current operator of the lease agreement for Scarborough Beach State Park has indicated that the provisions of this bill may result in their decision to exercise the lease's termination clause. If the agreement is vacated, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) would assume direct management responsibilities for the property and require additional staffing and operating resources.

ACF estimates that managing the site directly would require 13 new positions and associated support, resulting the need for additional General Fund appropriations of approximately \$706,696 in the first year these positions are required.

Under the current agreement, the State receives a share of the lessee's gross monthly revenues. If the lease is terminated, ACF would instead collect park admission fees directly. While this would generate new General Fund revenue, the exact amount cannot be determined in advance and would depend on the fee schedule adopted by the Department.