

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 14, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

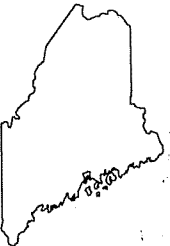
Presented by Representative NORTON of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator VOSE of Washington, Representative TUPPER of Orrington and Representative O'GARA of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Concerning Senior Citizens' Discount When Using State Parks.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 12 MRSA §602, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1989, c. 875, Pt. E, §10, is further amended to read:

6 4. Fees for services and accommodations. With the consent
8 of the Governor and Council, the bureau may:

10 A. Furnish accommodations and render services to the public
on state parks and parks under state control; and

12 B. Charge reasonable fees for such services and
14 accommodations, provided that citizens of this State 65
16 years of age and older are granted free admission for day
use of parks and are granted a 20% discount on any fees
charged for use of overnight facilities.

18 All fees received under this subsection accrue to the General
20 Fund, except that effective July 1, 1990, all revenues resulting
22 from an increase in fees in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway
accrue to a dedicated revenue account to be used for capital
24 improvements in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and, in fiscal
year 1990-91 only, engineering plans for reconstruction of
Churchill Dam. ~~In cases where~~ When fees may be more efficiently
26 collected through 3rd party contracts, a percentage of the fee
may be retained by the contractor for services, as agreed upon by
the bureau.

28 Fifteen percent of all day use and camping fees received under
30 this subsection in any state-owned land under jurisdiction of the
bureau must be apportioned and paid to all municipalities having
32 such land within their boundaries. In determining the payment to
each municipality, the bureau shall assign one unit per front
34 foot for each foot of lake, pond, ocean or major river frontage
and 5 units for each acre of all said lands within the
36 municipality. Frontage and acreage must be determined as of
April 1st for the year in which revenue is being apportioned and
38 computed to the nearest whole unit. The bureau shall increase the
fees charged by it under this subsection by an amount that will
40 reflect the loss of revenue to the State occasioned by such
42 payment to the municipalities;

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46 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

48 This bill establishes free admission to citizens of this
50 State 65 years of age or older for day use of state parks. The
bill also establishes a discount for these citizens when using
overnight facilities at state parks.