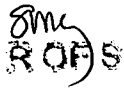


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L.D. 1584

Date: 3/23/16

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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1075, L.D. 1584, Bill, "An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities"

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

**'An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities and To Ensure Transparency for Certain Fees'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1819, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7 and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24, is further amended to read:

With the consent of the Governor and the commissioner, the bureau may charge reasonable fees for services, accommodations and use. The bureau shall post on its publicly accessible website by October 1st of each year the schedule of its fees for the next calendar year. A new or changed fee takes effect on January 1st following its posting.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1819-C** is enacted to read:

**§1819-C. Day use passes for organizations that serve persons with disabilities**

Notwithstanding section 1819, the bureau, in accordance with rules adopted under this section, shall issue a free group pass for day use at state parks and historic sites to eligible organizations that serve persons with disabilities. The rules must specify qualifications for eligible organizations and any limitations or restrictions on the use of a free group pass. The rules must allow admission free of charge to all state parks and historic sites to persons with disabilities and persons assisting them for visits arranged by an eligible organization issued a pass. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1584

LR 2646(02)

An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-599)  
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$87,655	\$87,360	\$87,360
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$85,155)	(\$87,360)	(\$87,360)

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to issue free group exemption passes for day use at state parks and historic sites to organizations serving the disabled. These passes allow people with disabilities, and those assisting them, to gain admission free of charge to all state parks and historic sites for visits arranged by these organizations. This will reduce revenue to the General Fund by an estimated \$85,155 in fiscal year 2016-17. ACF may adopt rules to specify qualifications for eligible organizations and any limitations or restrictions on the use of a free group pass. ACF will require a General Fund appropriation of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2016-17 for rulemaking costs.