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L.D. 25

Date: 1/18/24

(Filing No. S-513)

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 17, L.D. 25, "An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks"

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. Free admission for members of federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band

Notwithstanding section 1819, a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in this State is not required to pay a fee for admission to any state-owned park, historic site, camping area or beach managed by the State. To qualify for free admission under this section, a person shall present a qualifying tribal identification, as approved by the respective tribal government, to the bureau staff on duty or other designee of the director.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which replaces the bill, makes a technical change to the bill and clarifies that a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in Maine is not required to pay a fee for admission to not only state-owned parks and historic sites, but also camping areas and beaches managed by the State. The amendment also specifies that to qualify for free admission, a person is required to present a qualifying tribal identification, as approved by the respective tribal government, to the park attendant or other designee of the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S513)
 Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$22,131	\$29,508	\$29,508
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$22,131)	(\$29,508)	(\$29,508)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides free admission for members of federally recognized Indian nations, tribes and bands to state-owned parks, historic sites, camping areas and beaches. This is estimated to reduce General Fund revenue by \$22,131 in fiscal year 2024-25 and \$29,508 starting in fiscal year 2025-26. This estimate assumes that tribal members will use state-owned parks, historic sites, camping areas and beaches at the same rate as Maine residents and nonresidents.