

Bill as Introduced

HB 1141 - AS INTRODUCED

2012 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL *1141*
AN ACT relative to fees for the state park system.
SPONSORS: Rep. Renzullo, Hills 27
COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the requirement that fees for the state park system receive prior approval of the fiscal committee.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

AN ACT relative to fees for the state park system.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Fees for Park System. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 216-A:3-g to read as follows:
2 The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development, in consultation
3 with the director of parks and recreation, shall establish fees for access to and use of the state park
4 system. The fees approved by the commissioner[~~, after prior approval of the fiscal committee,~~] shall
5 not be subject to the provisions of RSA 541-A, so as to provide the department with the ability to
6 maximize revenues and to adjust fees according to market conditions and trends as is the common
7 practice in private industry. Said fees shall be consistent with the following criteria:
8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1141

BILL TITLE: relative to fees for the state park system.

DATE: January 24, 2012

LOB ROOM: 305 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:00 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 1:25 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Renzullo, Kappler, C. Christensen, Russell Ahlgren, Merrow, Bolster, Howard Hutchinson, Lovett, Pettengill, Schroadter, Spang, Parkhurst, Moody, Aguiar and Thomas.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Renzullo, Hills 27

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Andrew Renzullo - Prime sponsor of the bill to eliminate requirement for park fees to be approved by the fiscal committee. This is response to delays in previous years making it difficult to operate in a flexible management direction. Ask that bill be ITL to prevent pitting several committees against each other.

Rep. Lynne Ober - HB 1141 in context of HB 1484; both have similar subject matter. State already follows procedure of HB 1141. Example: Last year, Fiscal Committee tabled Cannon Ski Pass fee and Cannon couldn't pre-sell season passes for the up coming season.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. D. L. Chris Christensen
Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1141

BILL TITLE: relative to fees for the state park system.

DATE: 1/24/12

LOB ROOM: 305

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 1:00 p.m.

Time Adjourned:

Close 1:25

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Renzullo, Kappler, C. Christensen, Russell, Ahlgren, Morrow, Bolster, Howard, Hutchinson, Lovett, Pettengill, Schroadter, Spang, Parkhurst, Moody, Aguiar and Thomas.

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HB 1141 - Park Fees.

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fees to be approved by the fiscal
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Rep. Ober. Finance H. 11s 27

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Example: Last year Fiscal Comm
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passes for the upcoming season.

Testimony

TITLE XIX

PUBLIC RECREATION

For Use With HB 1141

+ HB 1484

CHAPTER 216-A

EXPANSION OF STATE PARK SYSTEM

Section 216-A:3-g

216-A:3-g Fees for Park System. – The commissioner of the department of resources and economic development, in consultation with the director of parks and recreation, shall establish fees for access to and use of the state park system. The fees approved by the commissioner, after prior approval of the fiscal committee, shall not be subject to the provisions of RSA 541-A, so as to provide the department with the ability to maximize revenues and to adjust fees according to market conditions and trends as is the common practice in private industry. Said fees shall be consistent with the following criteria:

I. Fees for the use of park areas shall be designed to recover a reasonable portion of budget expenses consistent with the purposes of RSA 216-A:1 and 216-A:3. The general court does not intend that all park facilities be self-supporting.

II. Fees for the use of campgrounds and ski lifts shall be comparable with the fees for use of similar privately owned facilities. The operation of all enterprise functions within the park system, including ski lifts, food service, retail facilities, campgrounds, and other concession activities, shall be as profitable as possible, within the purposes of the park system.

III. [Repealed.]

IV. No disabled veteran of this state, upon providing satisfactory proof of a service-connected disability, shall be charged a fee for day-use admission to the state park system. Special number plates issued to disabled veterans pursuant to RSA 261:86 or a letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that the veteran suffers from a service-connected disability shall constitute satisfactory proof under this section. Any fees for the use of enterprise activities as defined in paragraph II shall be charged.

V. (a) Any active member of a federally recognized unit of the New Hampshire national guard who is a legal resident of this state, and who meets the minimum requirements for satisfactory membership, as defined in the United States Department of the Army and the United States Department of the Air Force regulations, and is serving in pay grades E1 through E6 shall not be charged a fee for admission to the state park system. This section shall apply to members of the Active Guard and Reserve program in the New Hampshire national guard.

(b) Any New Hampshire national guard member who retired in pay grade E6 or below shall not be charged a fee for day-use admission to the state park system.

(c) Any fees for the use of enterprise activities as described in paragraph II of this section shall be charged.

VI. No admission fee shall be charged for day use of the state park system to the occupants of a vehicle with a number plate bearing a special registration plate symbol authorized by RSA 261:75-c. Any fees for the use of metered parking or enterprise activities as defined in paragraph II shall be charged to such persons.

VII. (a) The commissioner shall periodically review all fees paid for entrance into and use of state parks.

(b) The commissioner may immediately begin to accept donations for the use and maintenance of Jericho Mountain state park and shall require fees for the entrance into and use of Jericho Mountain state park beginning on or before January 1, 2011. All fees generated by Jericho Mountain state park shall be deposited into the state park fund established in RSA 216-A:3-i. Such fees shall be based on revenue projected in the master plan and

shall be in addition to registration fees for vehicles, all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b, and off highway recreational vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, VI.

(c) [Repealed.]

Source. 1985, 389:6. 1991, 355:62. 1993, 358:24. 1995, 308:127, X. 1996, 210:6. 2003, 153:1; 282:1. 2010, 373:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2011; 374:6, eff. July 26, 2010. 2011, 184:2, eff. June 14, 2011.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1141

BILL TITLE: relative to fees for the state park system.

DATE: February 1, 2012

LOB ROOM: 305

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Kappler

Seconded by Rep. Howard

Vote: 15-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: YES

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Chris Christensen, Clerk

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK
 RESOURCES, RECREATION and DEVELOPMENT

Bill# HB 1141 Title Re: Fees in the
State Park System

PH Date 1/24/12 Exec Date 1/31/12

Motion ITL Amendment # —

Member	Yea	Nay
RENZULLO, Chair	✓	
KAPPLER Vice-Ch.air	✓	
CHRISTENSEN	✓	
RUSSELL	✓	
AHLGREN		A
MERROW	✓	
BOLSTER		NV
HOWARD	✓	
HUTCHINSON	✓	
LOVETT	✓	
PETTENGILL	✓	
SCHROADTER	✓	
SPANG	✓	
PARKHURST	✓	
MOODY	✓	
AGUIAR	✓	
THOMAS	✓	

TOTAL 15 0

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 3, 2012

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT to which was referred HB1141,

AN ACT relative to fees for the state park system.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Lawrence M Kappler

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Bill Number:	HB1141
Title:	relative to fees for the state park system.
Date:	February 3, 2012
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would have eliminated the requirements that state park system fees receive Fiscal Committee approval. The sponsor asked the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee to ITL this bill in favor of another bill which modifies the process, which rectifies the problem this bill was intended to correct.

Vote 15-0.

Rep. Lawrence M Kappler
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB1141, relative to fees for the state park system. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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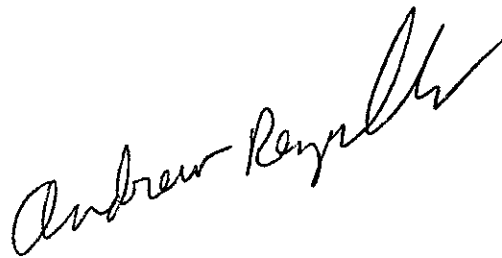
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L. Mike Kappler

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L. Mike Kappler

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: RR & D

BILL NUMBER: HB-1141

TITLE: RELATIVE TO FEES FOR THE STATE PARK SYSTEM

DATE: 1/31/12 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No.

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

would have eliminated the requirements that state park system fees receive fiscal committee approval.
~~THIS BILL IS NOT NECESSARY~~ ^{THE} SPONSOR ASKED RR&D COMMITTEE
TO ITC BILL in favor of another bill which modifies
the process which rectifies the problem

COMMITTEE VOTE: 15-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. *L. McEly*
For the Committee