

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2082
(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)
(At the request of the Parks and Recreation Department)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 55-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees for annual and daily state park permits and senior citizen discounts; and to repeal section 55-08-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state park entrance permits for senior citizens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 55-08-06 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

55-08-06. Permits for motor vehicles. Unless authorized by the director, ~~no~~ a motor vehicle may not enter or be permitted to enter any state park, state recreational area, or reserve unless the operator of ~~such the~~ motor vehicle ~~shall display~~ displays upon request a permit issued as provided in this chapter. Permits must be of a size, form, and character as the director ~~shall prescribe~~ prescribes, and the director shall procure permits for each calendar year which by appropriate language must grant permission to use any state park, state recreational area, or reserve. Permits for each calendar year must be provided and placed on sale on or before November first next preceding, and used on or at any time after that date until May first of the year following the calendar year for which issued. ~~Such permits~~ Permits in each category must be numbered consecutively for each year of issue. ~~Except as provided in section 55-08-06.2 for senior citizen discounts,~~ a fee of ~~twenty~~ twenty-five dollars must be charged for each permit issued, except that permits of appropriate special design may be sold individually at a maximum of ~~three~~ four dollars per permit covering the use of state parks, state recreational areas, or reserves under such conditions as the director may prescribe for a designated period of not more than three days. The director may authorize a discount on the sale of annual permits to any resident of North Dakota who is sixty-five years of age or older and who applies for a discount. The fees collected must be deposited in the state park operating fund in the state treasury, unless authorized by the director as follows:

1. The director may allow other agencies or organizations that have leased state parks, state ~~recreation~~ recreational areas, reserves, or facilities to retain entrance and special permit fees collected by the lessee.
2. The director may exempt all or any part of any state park, state recreational area, or reserve from the requirement of the motor vehicle permit and fee, for any activity or period, when in the director's judgment it is desirable to do so; provided, however, that no further exceptions ~~can~~ may be made after state park revenue bonds are issued and while ~~such~~ the bonds are outstanding.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. Section 55-08-06.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2082.

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 5 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 83 Nays 14 Absent 1

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State