

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

SENATE BILL NO. 795

BY: HOOPER

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM AND RECREATION; AMENDING

74 O.S. 1991, SECTION 1811, WHICH RELATES TO  
DIVISION OF PARKS; AUTHORIZING THE OKLAHOMA TOURISM  
AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A PILOT  
ENTRANCE FEE PROGRAM IN CERTAIN PARKS; STATING USES  
FOR ENTRANCE FEES COLLECTED; REPEALING SECTION 9,  
CHAPTER 303, O.S.L. 1991, WHICH RELATES TO THE  
CLOSURE OF STATE PARKS WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE  
AUTHORIZATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1811. The Division of Parks shall, subject to the policies, rules and regulations of the Commission:

1. Plan, supervise, acquire, construct, enlarge, erect, improve, equip, furnish, conserve and preserve public recreation facilities and resources in state parks, except lodges, but including cabins in parks where there is no state lodge, camping sites, scenic trails, picnic sites, golf courses, boating and

bathing facilities and other similar facilities in state parks reasonably necessary and useful in promoting the public use of state parks under the jurisdiction and control of the Commission;

2. Administer state parks, establish rules and regulations for the use of public recreation facilities therein and establish rentals for the use of lands or interests therein; ~~providing, however, nothing in this paragraph shall allow the charging of admission fees to any state park. Provided further, the~~ The Division of Parks may establish a pilot entrance fee program and rates for entry into ~~any or all of the state park areas at Pawnee Bill State Park for a period of one full calendar year and any part of the calendar year in which the pilot program is implemented~~ four parks selected by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission. All moneys collected shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund; provided, not less than eighty-five percent (85%) of such ~~moneys~~ monies collected shall be spent on repairs, upkeep or improvement of park areas ~~in Pawnee Bill State Park. Within sixty (60) days of the end of the pilot program, the Division shall prepare an evaluation of the program and recommendations for continuation, termination or expansion of the program. The evaluation shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~ in each park selected for the pilot program;

3. Exercise all authority and powers now vested in the Division of Parks and Recreation and derived from the Oklahoma Industrial Development and Park Department relating to parks and recreation, except as regards state-owned lodges; and

4. Commission any officer or employee who is certified pursuant to Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes as a park ranger as the Department deems necessary to secure the parks and property of the Department and to maintain law and order therein.

SECTION 2. REPEALER Section 9, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1991,  
is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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