ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1181

By: Littlefield of the Senate

and

Adair of the House

An Act relating to tourism; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 1999 (74 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1811), which relates to the Division of Parks; modifying expenditure of certain monies; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1811, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 1999 (74 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1811), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1811. The Division of Parks shall, subject to the policies and rules of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation 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; provided, however, nothing in this paragraph shall allow the charging of admission fees to any state park. Provided further, however, the Division of Parks may establish until July 1, 2001, a pilot entrance fee program and rates for entry into Natural Falls State Park in Delaware County. All monies collected shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund; provided, not less than one hundred percent (100%) of such monies collected shall be spent on ~~repairs, upkeep or improvement~~ capital improvements of park areas in Natural Falls State Park in Delaware County. 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;

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. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

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.

Passed the Senate the 29th day of February, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of April, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives