

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1255

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state parks; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 2220, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 243, O.S.L. 2017 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 2220),
10 which relates to collection of reasonable rates and
11 fees; providing exception to fees and licenses for
12 families with foster children; modifying requirement
13 for posting of fees, licenses and other charges;
14 authorizing promulgation of rules; and providing an
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2220, as
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 243, O.S.L. 2017 (74 O.S. Supp. 2019,
19 Section 2220), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 2220. A. The Commission may prescribe and collect
21 reasonable rates and fees pursuant to the provisions of this section
22 for the services, facilities and commodities rendered by all
23 property of the Commission.

24 1. The Commission may establish maximum rates for rooms at the
25 state lodges and cabins, for recreational activities, for
26 recreational vehicles and camping sites, and for community

1 facilities under control of the Commission. The method whereby the
2 rates are determined shall be promulgated pursuant to Article I of
3 the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days prior
4 to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the Commission,
5 the Department shall submit a copy of the proposed rates, for
6 informational purposes, to the Governor, Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Any change
8 in the rates during the year when the Legislature is not in session
9 shall be reported in writing to the Governor, Speaker of the House
10 of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate within
11 five (5) business days of such Commission action.

12 2. The Commission may establish maximum charges for all
13 activities at state-owned golf courses. The charges may vary among
14 the different golf courses according to the practices of the golf
15 industry. The method whereby the maximum charges are determined
16 shall be in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to Article I
17 of the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days
18 prior to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the
19 Commission, the Department shall submit a copy of such proposed
20 charges, for informational purposes, to the Governor, Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

22 3. The Commission may establish entrance or day-use charges for
23 the state park system. All monies collected from entrance or day-
24 use charges shall be used at the state parks where the charges were
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1 collected. The Commission may establish an annual pass, or other
2 varied passes as appropriate to that park, for visitors. The method
3 whereby the maximum charges are determined, sold, and collected
4 shall be in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to Article I
5 of the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days
6 prior to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the
7 Commission, the Department shall submit a copy of such proposed
8 charges, for informational purposes, to the Governor, Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

10 4. Fees shall be promulgated pursuant to Article I of the
11 Administrative Procedures Act.

12 5. Fees may reflect the seasonal usage of the parks and
13 facilities and for promotional purposes and goals.

14 B. All fees, licenses and other charges shall be posted on the
15 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department's website or in a
16 convenient place in each park. Every person using any of the
17 facilities in a park shall be charged the same fees, licenses and
18 ~~every other charge~~ charges as every other person using those
19 facilities, except:

20 1. Residents of this state sixty-two (62) years of age and over
21 and their spouses shall not be charged any admission fees for
22 entrance into any state-owned and -operated park. The Commission
23 may promulgate rules establishing different fees for residents and
24 nonresidents sixty-two (62) years of age and over. Identification

1 may be established by presentation of proof of age, residency, a
2 state driver license, a state license for identification only, birth
3 certificate or any other form of identification authorized by the
4 Commission;

5 2. Individuals who have been certified as totally disabled
6 under state or federal law and their spouses shall be entitled to a
7 fifty percent (50%) reduction of fees which apply to recreational-
8 use facilities;

9 3. Children's groups, volunteer groups as specified by the
10 Commission, or governmental entities that provide beneficial
11 services at the facility for which the fee may be reduced or waived;
12 and

13 4. Families who foster children in the custody of the
14 Department of Human Services. The Commission may promulgate rules
15 establishing parameters of the discount and how proof of fostering
16 must be shown in order to receive a discount; and

17 5. Special discount rates as authorized in this section may be
18 waived for individuals who are members of a group being provided a
19 special group rate as allowed by law.

20 C. The failure to collect such fees, licenses and other charges
21 shall subject an employee of the Commission to a fine of Twenty-five
22 Dollars (\$25.00) for each and every violation.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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