

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3465

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Department of Tourism and Recreation; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2220, which relates to rates and fees for services; requiring fee changes to be approved by the Legislature; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2220, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2220. A. The Commission may prescribe and collect reasonable rates and fees pursuant to the provisions of this section for the services, facilities and commodities rendered by all property of the Commission so long as any changes made after November 1, 2022, to a fee structure are presented to the Legislature for approval.

1. The Commission may establish maximum rates for rooms at the state lodges and cabins, for recreational activities, for recreational vehicles and camping sites, and for community facilities under control of the Commission. The method whereby the

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

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

21 3. The Commission may establish entrance or day-use charges for
22 the state park system. All monies collected from entrance or day-
23 use charges shall be used at the state parks where the charges were
24 collected. The Commission may establish an annual pass, or other

1 varied passes as appropriate to that park, for visitors. The method
2 whereby the maximum charges are determined, sold, and collected
3 shall be in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to Article I
4 of the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days
5 prior to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the
6 Commission, the Department shall submit a copy of such proposed
7 charges, for informational purposes, to the Governor, Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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

13 B. All fees, licenses and other charges shall be posted in a
14 convenient place in each park. Every person using any of the
15 facilities in a park shall be charged the same fees, licenses and
16 every other charge except:

17 1. Residents of this state sixty-two (62) years of age and over
18 and their spouses shall not be charged any admission fees for
19 entrance into any state-owned and -operated park. The Commission
20 may promulgate rules establishing different fees for residents and
21 nonresidents sixty-two (62) years of age and over. Identification
22 may be established by presentation of proof of age, residency, a
23 state driver license, a state license for identification only, birth
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1 certificate or any other form of identification authorized by the
2 Commission;

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

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

11 4. Special discount rates as authorized in this section may be
12 waived for individuals who are members of a group being provided a
13 special group rate as allowed by law.

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

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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