

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1332

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state parks; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2220, which relates to rates and fees to state parks; allowing for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission to increase fees with the consent of the Legislature; updating statutory language; 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 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation 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.

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 rates are determined shall be promulgated pursuant to Article I of

1 the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days prior
2 to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the Commission,
3 the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall submit a copy
4 of the proposed rates, for informational purposes, to the Governor,
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of
6 the Senate. Any change in the rates during the year when the
7 Legislature is not in session shall be reported in writing to the
8 Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate within five (5) business days of such
10 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; provided, any increases in entrance or day-
23 use fees established by the Commission shall not occur without the
24 approval of the Legislature. All monies collected from entrance or

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

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

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

15 B. All fees, licenses and other charges shall be posted 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 except:

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

1 state driver license, a state license for identification only, birth
2 certificate or any other form of identification authorized by the
3 Commission;

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

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

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

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

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