



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 479

August 26, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives HUBLER, HAHN, KRUG, PLOUFF, J. LEHMAN, TURNER, BERCEAU, SERATTI, HUBER, ALBERS and BOYLE, cosponsored by Senators RISSER and M. MEYER. Referred to Committee on Tourism.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 27.01 (7) (gr), 27.01 (7) (gu), 27.01 (7) (h) and 27.01 (7m) (b);  
2             and *to create* 27.01 (7m) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing certain  
3             agents who issue vehicle admission receipts for entry into state parks and other  
4             state recreational lands to collect surcharges.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person may not operate a vehicle in state parks or certain other state recreational lands unless the vehicle has been issued a vehicle admission receipt by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The base fee for the receipt varies depending upon whether the fee is issued on an annual or daily basis and depending on the kind of vehicle for which the receipt is issued. In addition to the base fee, DNR collects an issuing fee of 50 cents for each annual vehicle admission receipt issued and an issuing fee of 15 cents for each daily vehicle admission receipt issued. DNR may appoint agents to collect all of these fees and the agent may retain the issuing fees as compensation for the agent's services.

This bill provides that, if DNR appoints an agent to issue vehicle admission receipts, and the agent is a nonprofit corporation organized to raise funds for certain property under DNR's jurisdiction (friends group), that agent may collect and retain a \$2 surcharge for each annual vehicle admission receipt that the agent issues. The bill does not change the amount under current law that an agent other than a friends group may retain as compensation for the agent's services.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (7) (gr) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           27.01 (7) (gr) *Issuing fees.* ~~The Except as provided under sub. (7m) (bm), the~~  
3 department shall collect an issuing fee of 50 cents for each annual vehicle admission  
4 receipt issued and an issuing fee of 15 cents for each daily vehicle admission receipt  
5 issued.

6           **SECTION 2.** 27.01 (7) (gu) of the statutes is amended to read:

7           27.01 (7) (gu) *Transaction payments.* The department shall establish a system  
8 under which the department pays each agent appointed under sub. (7m) (a) a  
9 payment of 50 cents for each time that the agent processes a transaction through the  
10 statewide automated system contracted for under sub. (7m) (d). This payment is in  
11 addition to any issuing fee or surcharge retained by the agent. The department shall  
12 make these payments by allowing the agent to retain an amount equal to the  
13 payments from the amounts that are collected by the agent and that would otherwise  
14 be remitted to the department.

15           **SECTION 3.** 27.01 (7) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           27.01 (7) (h) *Use of vehicle admission receipt and issuing fees and surcharges.*  
17 All moneys collected as fees under pars. (f) to (gr) and sub. (7m) (b) and surcharges  
18 under sub. (7m) (bm) that are not retained by agents under par. (gu) or sub. (7m) (b)  
19 or (bm) shall be paid within one week into the state treasury, credited to the  
20 conservation fund and used for state parks, state recreation areas, recreation areas  
21 in state forests, and the Bong area lands.

