



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 770

December 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN, COWLES and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives KITCHENS, BINSFELD, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, MACCO, O'CONNOR, PENTERMAN, SINICKI and DUCHOW. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to create** 27.01 (10) (d) 1m. of the statutes; **relating to:** reservations and
2 fees for camping in certain state parks and modifying administrative rules of
3 the Department of Natural Resources.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies the process and fees for reserving camping sites in certain state parks, which are established by law and in administrative rules of the Department of Natural Resources.

Currently, camping reservations (reservations) may be made 11 months in advance, and nonresidents pay a higher camping fee than residents. Current law also authorizes DNR to determine which state campgrounds are located in areas where market conditions justify higher camping fees and to promulgate rules establishing higher camping fees for those campgrounds.

Under the bill, for those campgrounds for which DNR has established these higher camping fees, residents may begin making reservations 11 months in advance and nonresidents may begin making reservations 14 days later. A resident who makes a reservation during the 14-day window before a nonresident may do so must pay the nonresident camping fee for each night of the reservation, in addition to the increased fee established by DNR.

