2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 456

July 2, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives Petrowski, Jeskewitz, Musser, Urban, Bies, Plale, Townsend, Owens, Ryba, Hundertmark, Krawczyk and Freese, cosponsored by Senator Darling. Referred to Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

AN ACT *to amend* 27.01 (10) (a), 27.01 (10) (d) (intro.), 27.01 (10) (d) 1., 27.01 (10) (d) 3., 27.01 (10) (d) 5. and 27.01 (10) (e); and *to create* 27.01 (10) (a) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** reduced fees for campsites in state campgrounds for state residents who have attained the age of 65.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the campsite fees for camping in state parks, state forests, and other properties under the management of the department of natural resources range from \$6 to \$8 per night for camping parties if the person making the reservation or registering for the campsite is a state resident. This bill reduces these campsite fees by 50% per night for camping parties if the person making the reservation or registering for the campsite is a state resident who is 65 years old or older.

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

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

- **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (10) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 6 27.01 **(10)** (a) *Definition of resident.* As used in <u>In</u> this subsection "resident":

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1. "Resident" means a person who maintains his or her place of permanent
abode in this state. Domiciliary intent is required to establish that a person is
maintaining his or her place of permanent abode in this state. Mere ownership of
property is not sufficient to establish domiciliary intent. Evidence of domiciliary
intent includes, without limitation, the location where the person votes, pays
personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license.
SECTION 2. 27.01 (10) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:
27.01 (10) (a) 2. "Resident senior citizen" means a resident who has attained
the age of 65 years.
SECTION 3. 27.01 (10) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (10) (d) Camping fees. (intro.) Except as provided under pars. (f) and to
(h):
SECTION 4. 27.01 (10) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (10) (d) 1. The camping fee for each night at a campsite in a campground
which is classified as a Type "A" campground by the department is \$8 for a resident
camping party or \$4 for a resident senior citizen camping party.
SECTION 5. 27.01 (10) (d) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (10) (d) 3. The camping fee for each night at a campsite in a state
campground which is classified as a Type "B" campground by the department is \$7
for a resident camping party or \$3.50 for a resident senior citizen camping party.
SECTION 6. 27.01 (10) (d) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:
27.01 (10) (d) 5. The camping fee for each night at a campsite in a campground
which is classified as a Type "C" campground by the department is \$6 for a resident
camping party or \$3 for a resident senior citizen camping party.

SECTION 7. 27.01 (10) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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27.01 **(10)** (e) Determination of residency <u>and senior citizen status</u>. The department shall base its determination of whether a camping party is a resident <u>or camping party</u>, a nonresident camping party, or a resident senior citizen camping <u>party</u> upon the residency <u>and age</u> of the person who applies for a reservation under sub. (11) at the time the application for reservation is made or, if no reservation is made, the residency <u>and age</u> of the person who registers for the campsite at the time of registration.

SECTION 8. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

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