

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 07-3674/2	Introduction Number AB-0797	
Description Vehicle admission receipt fees for certain members of the armed forces		
Fiscal Effect		
State:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local:		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.370(1)(mu)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SUMMARY: AB 797 creates an exemption for active duty military personnel from existing out-of-state vehicle admission fees. Under the bill, any vehicle operated by a person who is serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, regardless of his or her vehicle's registration, is eligible to be charged the resident rate for vehicle admission areas. Currently, residents are charged \$25 for an annual pass and \$7 for a daily pass, while non-residents are charged \$35 for an annual pass and \$10 for a daily pass.

FISCAL EFFECT: This bill will decrease Department revenues, generate one-time costs, and increase annual operating costs. The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) does not have specific numbers regarding eligible members of the Armed Forces that would be eligible for this benefit; however, for purposes of this estimate the Department assumes that 5,000 members of the armed forces would now qualify for reduced admission each year under this bill. The Department assumes that the percentage of active duty military personnel visiting state parks and southern forests mirrors the percentage of all Wisconsinites over age 18 that visited state parks (9.58%) and southern forests (2.96%) in 2006. Thus the Department assumes that approximately 479 (5,000 x .0958) active duty military personnel with out-of-state plates would visit Wisconsin state parks, and approximately 148 active duty military personnel with out-of-state plates would visit southern forest properties. The Department further assumes that of these 627 (479 + 148) persons, 20% (125) would purchase annual park stickers, and 80% (502) would purchase two daily stickers. Based on these assumptions, the Department assumes that the Wisconsin State Park System would generate approximately \$4,250 less in admission revenues annually as a result of this bill. (125 annual stickers @ \$10 less = \$1,250 and 502 x 2 daily passes x \$3 = \$3,000.)

The Department would incur both one-time and ongoing administrative expenses to fulfill the requirements of AB 797. The Department anticipates the need to update its public information to reflect the addition of a new exemption to its current fee structure, including its visitor guide, Internet site, and all printed fee materials. Should the implementation date of the bill require the Department to issue a special printing of visitor guides that include the new exemption prior to the time a periodic update would occur, the one-time costs in the first year for a special printing are estimated to be \$18,200. This includes approximately \$16,000 in printing costs for the visitor guide, \$1,000 to update all Internet-related materials, and \$1,200 to update all signage and printed materials at all affected state parks, forests and natural areas, as well as updating internal remittance forms and operating manuals. However, should the date of implementation be delayed until the Department updates its materials on a normal replacement basis, the one-time costs related to a special reprinting of the visitor guide would not be incurred.

The Department estimates annual costs of approximately \$1,000 under the provisions of this bill. These costs include approximately \$750 in additional programming costs to annually update the Department's on-line sticker management database, and an additional \$250 in sticker printing, mailing and remittance costs to reflect the new admission sticker exemption authorized by the bill. The Department anticipates that it will be able to absorb these increased annual costs related to implementing AB 797.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
\$18,200			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs	1,000		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,000		\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	1,000		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			-4,250
TOTAL State Revenues	\$		\$-4,250
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$1,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$-4,250	\$
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