AN ACT to repeal 27.01 (8) (bn), 27.01 (8) (c) 2. and 3., 27.01 (8m) (a) 1., 27.01 (8m) (b) and 27.01 (9) (c); to renumber 27.01 (8) (c) 1.; to consolidate, renumber and amend 27.01 (8m) (a) (intro.) and 2.; to amend 27.01 (8) (intro.) and 27.01 (8m) (title); and to create 27.01 (8) (am) of the statutes; relating to: eliminating the state trail pass.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources issue a state trail pass and prohibits DNR from charging a person an admission fee for entering any state trail.

Under current law, DNR is required to issue an annual state trail pass that authorizes admission to a state trail for a fee of $25. DNR also issues a daily state trail pass for a fee of $5. DNR is authorized to waive or alter these fees for certain classes of persons or groups, certain areas, certain types of visitation or times of the year, admission to special scheduled events or programs, or on a per person basis.

For further information see the 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 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

27.01 (8) (a) Admission fee; Heritage Hill. Except as provided under pars. (b) and (bn), the department may charge a person an admission fee to enter Heritage Hill state park or a state trail.

SECTION 2. 27.01 (8) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

27.01 (8) (am) Admission fee; state trails. The department may not charge a person an admission fee to enter any state trail.

SECTION 3. 27.01 (8) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

27.01 (8) (b) Exemptions; Heritage Hill and state trails. (intro.) No admission fee to enter Heritage Hill State Park or any state trail may be charged for entry by any of the following:

SECTION 4. 27.01 (8) (bn) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 27.01 (8) (c) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 27.01 (8) (b).

SECTION 6. 27.01 (8) (c) 2. and 3. of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 7. 27.01 (8m) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

27.01 (8m) (title) Collection; agents; Heritage Hill State Park; State Trails.

SECTION 8. 27.01 (8m) (a) (intro.) and 2. of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 27.01 (8m) (a) and amended to read:

27.01 (8m) (a) The department may authorize agents, including the department’s concessionaires and their agents, to collect the admission fees under sub. (8) as follows: 2. Agents to whom subd. 1. does not apply may and to retain not more than 20 percent of the admission fees that they collect.

SECTION 9. 27.01 (8m) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 10. 27.01 (8m) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
SECTION 11. 27.01 (9) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

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