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CHAPTER 608

AN ACT to amend 27.01 (1); and to create 20.280 (73b) and 27.01 (2r) of the statutes, relating to admission fees for state parks and state forests, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.280 (73b) of the statutes is created to read:

20.280 (73b) STATE PARKS. Annually beginning July 1, 1961, there is appropriated all admission fees collected pursuant to s. 27.01 (2r) and paid into the conservation fund for state park purposes. This appropriation is in addition to other appropriations for such purposes.

SECTION 2. 27.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

27.01 (1) It is * * * declared to be the policy of the legislature to acquire, improve, preserve and administer a system of areas to be known as the state parks of Wisconsin. The purpose of the state parks is to provide areas for public recreation and for public education in conservation and nature study. An area may qualify as a state park by reason of its scenery, its plants and wildlife, or its historical, archaeological or geological interest. The conservation commission shall be responsible for the selection of a balanced system of state park areas and for the acquisition, development and administration of the state parks. No admission charge shall be made to any state park, *except as provided in sub. (2r)*.

SECTION 3. 27.01 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

27.01 (2r) ADMISSION FEES. (a) No person shall operate an automobile, motor truck, motor delivery wagon, bus, motorcycle, or other similar motor vehicle or trailer or semitrailer used in connection therewith in Council Grounds state forest or Point Beach state forest or in developed recreational areas in other state forests designated as such by the conser-

vation commission or in any state park or roadside park except those specified in par. (b), unless such vehicle has affixed thereto an annual admission sticker or a daily admission tag as herein provided. No admission fees shall be charged from November 1 to March 31. Such annual stickers shall be issued by the commission and shall be valid for the calendar year for which issued. The daily admission tags shall be issued by the commission and shall state the date for which issued. The fee for the annual admission sticker shall be \$2 for each vehicle. The fee for the daily admission tags shall be 50 cents for all vehicles and shall be effective only for the date issued. Such annual admission sticker shall be affixed to the interior surface of the lower left-hand corner of the windshield of the vehicle and such daily admission tag shall be attached to the steering wheel or steering handlebar of such vehicle. All moneys collected for the sale of such annual admission stickers and daily admission tags shall be paid within one week into the state treasury, credited to the conservation fund, and be used for state park and state forest recreational areas only.

(b) This subsection does not apply to:

1. Any vehicle owned by the state, the United States or a local unit of government, or any vehicle operated by employes, agents or officers of the state, the United States or of a local unit of government while in the performance of their official duties;
2. Any vehicle when furnishing services or supplies;
3. Any vehicle traveling on a public highway in a state park or state forest; or
4. Any vehicle within Aztalan, Cushing Memorial, First Capitol, Lizard Mound and Lost Dauphin state parks and such other state parks or state park areas designated by the commission.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect April 1, 1962.

Approved December 15, 1961.
