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Validity Period for Annual Vehicle Admission Receipts

Current law generally prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle in a state park or in certain other recreational areas unless the person displays a vehicle admission receipt. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues both daily and annual vehicle admission receipts, with the latter commonly referred to as the "state park sticker."

Under current law, an annual vehicle admission receipt is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued. 2023 Wisconsin Act 113 provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, an annual vehicle admission receipt is valid until the final day of the 12th month following the month in which it is issued. For example, an annual vehicle admission receipt issued on March 1, 2025, would be valid through March 31, 2026.

The act also requires the annual vehicle admission receipt to display the year in which it is issued and the name of each month of the year in a manner that allows DNR to indicate the month in which the receipt is issued.

Effective date: January 1, 2025

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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