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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 623

November 9, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives HEBL, BERCEAU, CROWLEY, HESSELBEIN, HORLACHER, KULP, POPE, SARGENT, SINICKI, SUBECK and BOWEN, cosponsored by Senator BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

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

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### *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.

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL 623****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           27.01 (8) (a) *Admission fee; Heritage Hill*. Except as provided under pars. par.  
3 (b) and ~~(bn)~~, the department may charge a person an admission fee to enter Heritage  
4 Hill state park ~~or a state trail~~.

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

6           27.01 (8) (am) *Admission fee; state trails*. The department may not charge a  
7 person an admission fee to enter any state trail.

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

9           27.01 (8) (b) *Exemptions; Heritage Hill and state trails*. (intro.) No admission  
10 fee to enter Heritage Hill State Park ~~or any state trail~~ may be charged for entry by  
11 any of the following:

12           **SECTION 4.** 27.01 (8) (bn) of the statutes is repealed.

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

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 of the statutes are repealed.

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

16           27.01 (8m) (title) ~~COLLECTION; AGENTS; HERITAGE HILL STATE PARK; STATE TRAILS~~.

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

19           27.01 (8m) (a) The department may authorize agents, including the  
20 department's concessionaires and their agents, to collect the admission fees under  
21 sub. (8) as follows: ~~2. Agents to whom subd. 1. does not apply may~~ and to retain not  
22 more than 20 percent of the admission fees that they collect.

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

24           **SECTION 10.** 27.01 (8m) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

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1           **SECTION 11.** 27.01 (9) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

2   **(END)**