

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 1/10/2022

LRB Number	21-5547/1	Introduction Number	SB-801	Estimate Type	Original
Description					
free state park admission for gold star families					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides that a vehicle admission receipt is not required for any vehicle occupied by a person who qualifies under federal law for a gold star lapel button (commonly known as gold star family), which signifies that the recipient is the immediate family member of a member of the U.S. armed forces who died while serving during a time of conflict.

I. Assumptions

A. According to guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), the next of kin (NOK) that are eligible to wear a gold star lapel button are as follows:

The widow (remarried or not); widower (remarried or not); each parent (mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents); each child; each sibling; each half-sibling; each stepsibling; each stepchild; and each adopted child of Service members who are killed in a qualifying situation (e.g., war, military operation, etc.).

B. The department assumes that the exemption applies to both resident and non-resident gold star family members.

C. The department does not have access to data on the number of gold star family members that reside in Wisconsin, nor does it have a way to estimate the number of non-resident gold star family members that would opt to take advantage of the exemption.

II. State Fiscal Estimate

A. Revenue

Based on the assumptions above, the estimated loss of park admission fee revenue is indeterminate.

B. Cost

The exemption program could be set up similar to the Disabled Veteran Program, with a form that could be filled out and submitted. Gold Star Family members could then be issued a State Park System Pass that would provide free access to the properties. This is similar to the system the National Park Service currently has in place to allow free admission to Gold Star Families.

The department estimates that 250 hours of LTE staff time per year would be required to implement the program at an annual cost of \$5,000 in salary and fringe benefit expenses. There would be additional, indeterminate expenses incurred for management and staff oversight of the program.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Wisconsin Department of Administration
 Division of Executive Budget and Finance

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):		
II. Annualized Costs:		
	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$5,000	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs		
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$5,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S	5,000	
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		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$5,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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