

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB0349

Introduced 1/22/2007, by Rep. Thomas Holbrook

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 805/805-305

was 20 ILCS 805/63a23

Amends the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that seniors age 65 or older shall not be charged camping or campsite utility fees on Monday through Thursday of any week.

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1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources

 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois

 amended by changing Section 805-305 as follows:
- 7 (20 ILCS 805/805-305) (was 20 ILCS 805/63a23)
 - 805-305. Campsites and housing facilities. Department has the power to provide facilities for overnight tent and trailer camp sites and to provide suitable housing facilities for student and juvenile overnight camping groups. Department of Natural Resources may regulate, The administrative order, the fees to be charged for tent and trailer camping units at individual park areas based upon the facilities available. However, for campsites with access to showers or electricity, any Illinois resident who is age 62, 63, or 64 or older or has a Class 2 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act shall be charged only one-half of the camping fee charged to the general public during the period Monday through Thursday of any week and shall be charged the same camping fee as the general public on all other days. For campsites with showers or electricity, no camping or campsite utility fee shall be charged to any

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resident of Illinois who is age 65 or older for the use of a campsite unit during the period Monday through Thursday of any week. For campsites without access to showers or electricity, no camping fee authorized by this Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois who has a Class 2 disability as defined in Section 4A of the Illinois Identification Card Act. For campsites without access to showers or electricity, no camping fee authorized by this Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois who is age 62 or older for the use of a camp site unit during the period Monday through Thursday of any week. No camping fee authorized by this Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois who is a disabled veteran or a former prisoner of war, as defined in Section 5 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. No camping fee authorized by this Section shall be charged to any resident of Illinois after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, the Illinois National Guard, or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces for the amount of time that the active duty member spent in service abroad or mobilized if the person applies for a pass at the Department office in Springfield within 2 years of returning and provides verification of service or mobilization to the Department; any portion of a year that the active duty member spent in service abroad or mobilized shall count as a full year. Nonresidents shall be charged the same fees as are authorized for the

- 1 general public regardless of age. The Department shall provide
- 2 by regulation for suitable proof of age, or either a valid
- 3 driver's license or a "Golden Age Passport" issued by the
- 4 federal government shall be acceptable as proof of age. The
- 5 Department shall further provide by regulation that notice of
- 6 these reduced admission fees be posted in a conspicuous place
- 7 and manner.
- 8 <u>Unless otherwise indicated, reduced</u> fees
- 9 authorized in this Section shall not apply to any charge for
- 10 utility service.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 94-313, eff. 7-25-05.)