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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to discounts on public park entrance  
 3           fees and transportation fares; creating s. 125.029,  
 4           F.S.; requiring counties to provide a partial or a  
 5           full discount on park entrance fees to military  
 6           members, veterans, and the spouses and parents of  
 7           certain deceased military members, law enforcement  
 8           officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians,  
 9           and paramedics; requiring that individuals seeking the  
 10          discount present information satisfactory to the  
 11          county department which evidences eligibility;  
 12          defining the term "park entrance fee"; providing  
 13          certain exclusions; creating s. 163.58, F.S.;  
 14          requiring regional transportation authorities to  
 15          provide a partial or a full discount on fares for  
 16          certain disabled veterans; creating s. 166.0447, F.S.;  
 17          requiring municipalities to provide a partial or a  
 18          full discount on park entrance fees to military  
 19          members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of  
 20          certain deceased military members, law enforcement  
 21          officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians,  
 22          and paramedics; requiring that individuals seeking the  
 23          discount present information satisfactory to the  
 24          municipal department which evidences eligibility;  
 25          defining the term "park entrance fee"; providing  
 26          certain exclusions; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 125.029, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.029 County park entrance fee discounts.—

(1) A county park or recreation department shall provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the following individuals who present information satisfactory to the county department which evidences eligibility for the discount:

(a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard.

(b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard.

(c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard, who has a service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(d) A surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions.

(e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as defined in s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic

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53 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of  
 54 duty.

55 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"  
 56 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a county park or  
 57 recreation department. The term does not include expanded  
 58 amenity fees for amenities such as campgrounds, aquatic  
 59 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special  
 60 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or  
 61 programs taking place within public lands.

62 Section 2. Section 163.58, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 63 read:

64 163.58 Transportation fare discounts.—An authority as  
 65 defined in chapter 343 or chapter 349, shall provide a partial  
 66 or a full discount on fares for the use of a fixed-route  
 67 transportation system operated by the authority to a disabled  
 68 veteran as described in s. 295.07(1)(a) who presents information  
 69 satisfactory to the authority which evidences eligibility for  
 70 the discount.

71 Section 3. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created  
 72 to read:

73 166.0447 Municipal park entrance fee discounts.—  
 74 (1) A municipal park or recreation department shall  
 75 provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to  
 76 the following individuals who present information satisfactory  
 77 to the municipal department which evidences eligibility for the  
 78 discount:

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79 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces,  
 80 their reserve components, or the National Guard.

81 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
 82 Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard.

83 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
 84 Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard,  
 85 who has a service-connected disability as determined by the  
 86 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

87 (d) A surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of  
 88 the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the  
 89 National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-  
 90 related conditions.

91 (e) A surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement  
 92 officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as defined in  
 93 s. 633.102, or an emergency medical technician or paramedic  
 94 employed by state or local government, who died in the line of  
 95 duty.

96 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"  
 97 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a municipal park  
 98 or recreation department. The term does not include expanded  
 99 amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic  
 100 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special  
 101 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or  
 102 programs taking place within public lands.

103 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.