

**SENATE BILL NO. 2082**

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Parks and Recreation Department)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to fees for annual and daily state park permits and senior citizen discounts; and to  
3 repeal section 55-08-06.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to state park entrance  
4 permits for senior citizens.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 55-08-06 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **55-08-06. Permits for motor vehicles.** Unless authorized by the director, ~~no~~ a motor  
9 vehicle may not enter or be permitted to enter any state park, state recreational area, or reserve  
10 unless the operator of ~~such~~ the motor vehicle ~~shall display~~ displays upon request a permit  
11 issued as provided in this chapter. Permits must be of a size, form, and character as the  
12 director ~~shall prescribe~~ prescribes, and the director shall procure permits for each calendar year  
13 which by appropriate language must grant permission to use any state park, state recreational  
14 area, or reserve. Permits for each calendar year must be provided and placed on sale on or  
15 before November first next preceding, and used on or at any time after that date until May first  
16 of the year following the calendar year for which issued. ~~Such permits~~ Permits in each  
17 category must be numbered consecutively for each year of issue. ~~Except as provided in~~  
18 ~~section 55-08-06.2 for senior citizen discounts~~, a fee of ~~twenty~~ twenty-five dollars must be  
19 charged for each permit issued, except that permits of appropriate special design may be sold  
20 individually at a maximum of ~~three~~ four dollars per permit covering the use of state parks, state  
21 recreational areas, or reserves under such conditions as the director may prescribe for a  
22 designated period of not more than three days. The director may authorize a discount on the  
23 sale of annual permits to any resident of North Dakota who is sixty-five years of age or older

1 and who applies for a discount. The fees collected must be deposited in the state park  
2 operating fund in the state treasury, unless authorized by the director as follows:

3 1. The director may allow other agencies or organizations that have leased state  
4 parks, state ~~recreation~~ recreational areas, reserves, or facilities to retain entrance  
5 and special permit fees collected by the lessee.

6 2. The director may exempt all or any part of any state park, state recreational area,  
7 or reserve from the requirement of the motor vehicle permit and fee, for any activity  
8 or period, when in the director's judgment it is desirable to do so; provided,  
9 however, that no further exceptions ~~can~~ may be made after state park revenue  
10 bonds are issued and while ~~such~~ the bonds are outstanding.

11 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 55-08-06.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
12 Dakota Century Code is repealed.