

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6103

May 18, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Markkanen, Kuppa, Martin, Borton, Bezotte, Breen, Tate, Allor, Yaroch and Fink and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 74116 and 74126 (MCL 324.74116 and 324.74126), section 74116 as amended by 2016 PA 1 and section 74126 as added by 2006 PA 248.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

**1** Sec. 74116. (1) Subject to subsection (4), the operator of a  
**2** nonresident motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle shall not  
**3** enter any state park with that motor vehicle unless a valid motor  
**4** vehicle park permit issued under section 74117 is affixed to the

1 lower right-hand corner of the windshield. An annual motor vehicle  
2 park permit for a nonresident motor vehicle shall be affixed  
3 permanently for that year. The department shall post signs at parks  
4 that state that a motor vehicle park permit is required for entry  
5 by a nonresident motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle.

6 (2) Subject to ~~subsection (4)~~, **subsections (4) and (5)**, the  
7 operator of a resident motor vehicle shall not enter a state park  
8 with the resident motor vehicle unless the recreation passport fee  
9 has been paid for that motor vehicle. Payment of the recreation  
10 passport fee authorizes entry into all state parks and recreation  
11 areas and designated state-operated public boating access sites  
12 until expiration of the motor vehicle registration.

13 (3) Subject to ~~subsection (4)~~, **subsections (4) and (5)**, if the  
14 secretary of state issues registration tabs or stickers as  
15 described in section 805 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300,  
16 MCL 257.805, the operator of a resident motor vehicle shall not  
17 enter a state park with the resident motor vehicle unless the  
18 resident motor vehicle has a registration tab or sticker marked as  
19 provided under that section to show that the recreation passport  
20 fee has been paid.

21 (4) Subsections (1) to (3) do not apply under any of the  
22 following circumstances:

23 (a) While the motor vehicle is being driven or parked within  
24 an established federal, state, or county highway within a state  
25 park.

26 (b) If the motor vehicle is used in the operation or  
27 maintenance of a state park, is an emergency motor vehicle, is a  
28 state owned or law enforcement motor vehicle, or is a private motor  
29 vehicle being operated on official state business.

1 (c) If the motor vehicle is registered under section 803e(1)  
2 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803e, and is  
3 exempt under section 803e(6) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA  
4 300, MCL 257.803e, from the registration tax, or if the motor  
5 vehicle is registered under section 217d or 803f of the Michigan  
6 vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.217d and 257.803f.

7 (d) At a state-operated public boating access site or a state  
8 park where there is an opportunity to fish on a day that the  
9 department has designated as a free winter fishing day or a free  
10 fishing day under section 43534.

11 (e) If and to the extent that the department waives the  
12 requirements for department-sponsored events or other circumstances  
13 as determined by the director or the director's designee.

14 (f) If all of the following apply:

15 (i) The state park is Veterans State Park provided for in  
16 section 74126.

17 (ii) The operator or a passenger of the motor vehicle possesses  
18 proof that he or she is both of the following:

19 (A) A resident of this state.

20 (B) A veteran or an active member of the military.

21 (iii) The operator or passenger produces the proof required by  
22 subparagraph (ii) if requested by an agent of the department.

23 (5) For purposes of subsection (4) (f), both of the following  
24 apply:

25 (a) Either of the following is proof of being a veteran:

26 (i) Designation as a veteran on the individual's operator's  
27 license under section 310 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA  
28 300, MCL 257.310.

29 (ii) Any other evidence determined to be acceptable by the

1 department after consulting with the department of military and  
2 veterans affairs.

3 (b) Any of the following are proof of being an active member  
4 of the military:

5 (i) Current leave papers.

6 (ii) Military orders.

7 (iii) Any other evidence determined to be acceptable by the  
8 department after consulting with the department of military and  
9 veterans affairs.

10 (6) As used in this section:

11 (a) "Active member of the military" means an individual who is  
12 either of the following:

13 (i) Regularly enlisted or commissioned as an officer in the  
14 Armed Forces of the United States.

15 (ii) A reserve component soldier, sailor, airman, or marine or  
16 a member of the National Guard, who is called to federal active  
17 duty.

18 (b) "Veteran" means that term as defined in section 1 of 1965  
19 PA 190, MCL 35.61.

20 Sec. 74126. (1) The state owned land containing the White Pine  
21 ~~trail, Trail~~, which traverses an abandoned rail corridor between  
22 Comstock Park and Cadillac, shall be known as the "Fred Meijer  
23 White Pine Trail State Park".

24 (2) The department shall facilitate the establishment of a  
25 recreational trail that traverses, in part, the abandoned rail  
26 corridor that runs from White Lake ~~drive, Drive~~, south of the city  
27 of Whitehall, to Lake ~~avenue Avenue~~ in the city of North Muskegon.  
28 This trail shall be known as the "Fred Meijer Berry Junction  
29 Trail".

1           (3) The park and scenic area that includes Douglass Houghton  
2 Falls in Houghton County shall be considered to be designated by  
3 the director as a state park and shall be known as "Veterans State  
4 Park".

5           (4) ~~(3)~~—The department, in consultation with the committee,  
6 the commission, and the Michigan natural resources trust fund board  
7 established in section 1905, shall develop criteria for naming  
8 state parks and other state owned recreational facilities. ~~Within 1~~  
9 ~~year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this~~  
10 ~~subsection,~~ **By July 3, 2007,** the department shall present to the  
11 standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives  
12 with jurisdiction primarily relating to natural resources and state  
13 parks the criteria it has developed under this section.