



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Vencill, BB0488 - State park and campground fee waiver for Wisconsin tribal members

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

NATURAL RESOURCES

RECREATION

State park admission and camping fee waivers for tribal members

This bill requires DNR to waive the fee for an annual vehicle admission receipt issued to a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band located in this state. Under current law generally, no person may operate a vehicle in any state park or in certain other recreational areas on state land unless the vehicle displays a vehicle admission receipt.

The bill also requires DNR to waive the camping fee for a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band located in this state. Under current law generally, no person may camp in a state campground unless the applicable camping fee is paid.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 27.01 (9) (bt) of the statutes is created to read:

27.01 (9) (bt) *Annual vehicle admission receipt fee waiver; tribes and bands.*

The department shall waive all fees imposed under sub. (7) for an annual vehicle admission receipt for any vehicle, except a motor bus, that has Wisconsin registration plates or a registration plate showing valid registration by a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band and that is owned by a person who

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produces evidence that he or she is a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band located in this state.

SECTION 2. 27.01 (10) (f) of the statutes is renumbered 27.01 (10) (f) 1.

SECTION 3. 27.01 (10) (f) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

27.01 (10) (f) 2. The department shall waive the camping fee, including any additional fee under par. (g) or sub. (11) (c), for a person who applies for a reservation under sub. (11) and who produces evidence that he or she is a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band located in this state.

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