



2025 SENATE BILL 265

May 20, 2025 - Introduced by Senators HESSELBEIN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, LARSON, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SPREITZER and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives JOERS, BEHNKE, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, DESANTO, DESMIDT, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, HAYWOOD, HONG, HYSELL, J. JACOBSON, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MCCARVILLE, MIRESE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, PHELPS, PRADO, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK, TENORIO, UDELL and VINING. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 27.01 (9) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** waiver of fees for
2 admission to state parks on Earth Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, vehicles entering state parks are required to display an annual or daily admission receipt, for which the Department of Natural Resources charges a fee. Under current law, DNR may waive these admission fees under certain circumstances. This bill requires DNR to waive any daily fee for admission to a state park on April 22 of each year in commemoration of Earth Day and its founder, Gaylord Nelson.

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:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (9) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
4 27.01 (9) (b) *Earth Day fee waiver.* The department shall waive any daily fee
5 for admission to a state park imposed under sub. (7) or (8), including any issuing fee,

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3 (END)