

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 HOUSE BILL 3218

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state parks; amending 74 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 2220, which relates to state park fees;  
9 providing veterans with five days of camping without  
10 fees; and providing an effective date.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2220, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 2220. A. The Commission may prescribe and collect  
16 reasonable rates and fees pursuant to the provisions of this section  
17 for the services, facilities and commodities rendered by all  
18 property of the Commission.

19 1. The Commission may establish maximum rates for rooms at the  
20 state lodges and cabins, for recreational activities, for  
21 recreational vehicles and camping sites, and for community  
22 facilities under control of the Commission. The method whereby the  
23 rates are determined shall be promulgated pursuant to Article I of  
24 the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days prior

1 to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the Commission,  
2 the Department shall submit a copy of the proposed rates, for  
3 informational purposes, to the Governor, Speaker of the House of  
4 Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Any change  
5 in the rates during the year when the Legislature is not in session  
6 shall be reported in writing to the Governor, Speaker of the House  
7 of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate within  
8 five (5) business days of such Commission action.

9 2. The Commission may establish maximum charges for all  
10 activities at state-owned golf courses. The charges may vary among  
11 the different golf courses according to the practices of the golf  
12 industry. The method whereby the maximum charges are determined  
13 shall be in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to Article I  
14 of the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days  
15 prior to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the  
16 Commission, the Department shall submit a copy of such proposed  
17 charges, for informational purposes, to the Governor, Speaker of the  
18 House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

19 3. The Commission may establish entrance or day-use charges for  
20 the state park system. All monies collected from entrance or day-  
21 use charges shall be used at the state parks where the charges were  
22 collected. The Commission may establish an annual pass, or other  
23 varied passes as appropriate to that park, for visitors. The method  
24 whereby the maximum charges are determined, sold, and collected

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2 of the Administrative Procedures Act. At least twenty (20) days  
3 prior to the adoption or approval of any rate changes by the  
4 Commission, the Department shall submit a copy of such proposed  
5 charges, for informational purposes, to the Governor, Speaker of the  
6 House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

7 4. Fees shall be promulgated pursuant to Article I of the  
8 Administrative Procedures Act.

9 5. Fees may reflect the seasonal usage of the parks and  
10 facilities and for promotional purposes and goals.

11 B. All fees, licenses and other charges shall be posted in a  
12 convenient place in each park. Every person using any of the  
13 facilities in a park shall be charged the same fees, licenses and  
14 every other charge except:

15 1. Residents of this state sixty-two (62) years of age and over  
16 and their spouses shall not be charged any admission fees for  
17 entrance into any state-owned and -operated park. The Commission  
18 may promulgate rules establishing different fees for residents and  
19 nonresidents sixty-two (62) years of age and over. Identification  
20 may be established by presentation of proof of age, residency, a  
21 state driver license, a state license for identification only, birth  
22 certificate or any other form of identification authorized by the  
23 Commission;

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1           2. Individuals who have been certified as totally disabled  
2 under state or federal law and their spouses shall be entitled to a  
3 fifty percent (50%) reduction of fees which apply to recreational-  
4 use facilities;

5           3. Children's groups, volunteer groups as specified by the  
6 Commission, or governmental entities that provide beneficial  
7 services at the facility for which the fee may be reduced or waived;  
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9           4. Special discount rates as authorized in this section may be  
10 waived for individuals who are members of a group being provided a  
11 special group rate as allowed by law; and

12           5. Any veteran, regardless of residence status, shall be  
13 entitled to receive five (5) days of camping without paying state  
14 park fees for entrance or camping. Veterans may apply for a free  
15 five-day camping pass annually through the Department of Tourism.

16           C. The failure to collect such fees, licenses and other charges  
17 shall subject an employee of the Commission to a fine of Twenty-five  
18 Dollars (\$25.00) for each and every violation.

19           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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