

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**12/22/2014**

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2111

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$310,000		\$310,000
Expenditures				\$310,000		\$310,000
Appropriations						

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This is a bill to increase the State Park Vehicle Permit fee.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Based on an estimated 15,500 State Park Vehicle Permits sales per year, this bill will see an increase in revenue of \$310,000 per biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Parks and Recreation will see \$310,000 in increased revenues generated from the State Park Vehicle Permit increase.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The increased revenue will be used to off set the increased operation and maintenance costs for State Parks.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

No appropriation for this bill is included in the Parks and Recreation executive budget.

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**2015 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**SB 2111**

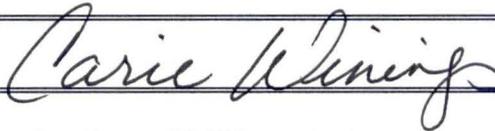
# 2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Missouri River Room, State Capitol

SB 2111  
1/15/2015  
Job # 22002

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an increase in the motor vehicle permit fee.

### Minutes:

Attachments 1

**Chairman Dever:** Opened the hearing on SB 2111. (There was no testimony in favor of the bill.)

**Mark Zimmerman, Director of North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department:** See attachment #1 for testimony in opposition to the bill.

**(1:30)Chairman Dever:** The bill just raised the annual pass from \$25 to \$35?

**Mark Zimmerman:** That is correct.

**Vice Chairman Poolman:** I am confused that the bill was sponsored at the request of your department. How did the bill get this far before the Parks and Recreation Department determined that they did not want it?

**Mark Zimmerman:** It is simply due to a miscommunication between myself and the Governor's office and OMB. I thought we had clarified it, but we evidently did not. We reevaluated our position and determined that we could operate the parks without the increase. It is simply my mistake.

**Chairman Dever:** Thing are good then?

**Mark Zimmerman:** That is correct.

**Chairman Dever:** We are looking at opening a couple of new parks?

**Mark Zimmerman:** That is correct. We are looking for consideration on establishing a park along the Missouri River here in Bismarck on land currently owned by the corrections department and also to establish additional camping and lodging facilities on Lake Sakakawea.

**Senator Cook:** There is some other language in this bill besides the \$35 fee increase.

**Mark Zimmerman:** That is correct. We also have in there that disabled veterans and former prisoners of war receive a free annual permit, but we do that now just by the discretion of the department so we ask for the full bill to be killed. We do have a number of veterans that do use the reduced or free entrance permit for parks.

**Chairman Dever:** There is awareness on their part that you do that?

**Mark Zimmerman:** Yes. There are several of the veteran's service officers that have been quite active in the promotion of that. They have to bring in their letter of disability from the veterans administration and we are more than happy to provide the discount or free annual permit.

**Chairman Dever:** We appreciate that. Closed the public hearing on SB 2111.

**Senator Flakoll: Moved a Do Not Pass.**

**Vice Chairman Poolman: Seconded.**

**A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Senator Flakoll will carry the bill.**

Date: 1/15  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2111**

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

- Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended  Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider  \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Flakoll Seconded By Poolman

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Dever	✓		Senator Marcellais	✓	
Vice Chairman Poolman	✓		Senator Nelson	ab.	
Senator Cook	✓				
Senator Davison	✓				
Senator Flakoll	✓				

Total (Yes) 4 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Flakoll

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2111: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
SB 2111 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2015 TESTIMONY**

**SB 2111**

SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HEARING ON SB 2111

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

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Chairman Dever and members of the committee. I am Mark Zimmerman, Director of North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. I appear before you today asking you to recommend a do not pass on SB 2111.

North Dakota Parks and Recreation continues to experience record setting camper counts and visitation numbers to the 13 state parks and recreation areas. Park revenues from daily entrance fees, camping fees, concession and marina operations have increased as well. With the reevaluation of increased park revenues as compared to increased operational costs such as seasonal staffing, utility charges, maintenance and repair budgets as well as the implementation of several efficiency efforts, it is the determination of the Department to forego the annual permit fee increase at this time and ask the committee to recommend a do not pass to the Senate.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this bill and I would be happy to answer any questions.