

Introduced by

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

(At the request of the Parks and Recreation Department)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 55-08-05 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to parks and recreation charges for services.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 55-08-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **55-08-05. Charges for services.**

7 The director may provide special services within state parks, state campgrounds, state
8 recreation areas, and reserves; provide special technical assistance services; and make rules
9 for the use of those services. The director shall establish and cause to be collected charges,
10 fees, and rentals for the use of all special services, and shall revise the same, when necessary,
11 in the manner that the revenue derived will be sufficient to pay the cost of providing each
12 service and to pay the principal of and interest on all bonds issued for projects furnishing the
13 facilities for the services, and to maintain a reserve for the security of the bonds. The director
14 may waive the collection of charges, fees, and rentals for the use of special services by health
15 care-related charitable organizations conducting group camp activities without charge to
16 participants. However, the director shall waive the collection of charges, fees, and rentals for the
17 use of all special services by any care-related charitable organization sponsoring or conducting
18 summer group camp activities without charge for fourteen days for children from age eight
19 through age fourteen who have diabetes. Nothing in this section requires the director to provide
20 camp services if the camp facilities are otherwise closed due to adverse administrative or fiscal
21 impacts upon the department. Specifically, the director may:

22 1. Provide special parking space for automobiles or other motor-driven vehicles in any
23 state park or state recreation area.

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- 1 2. Provide special parking spurs and campgrounds for automobiles and sites for tent
2 camping and special auto trailer coach parking spaces for the use of the individual
3 charged for the space according to the daily rate which must be determined and fixed
4 by the director consistent with the type of facility provided for the accommodation of
5 visitors in any particular park and with similar facilities offered for tourist camping in the
6 area.
- 7 3. Charge a fee for entrance to any pageant grounds created in any state park, state
8 recreation area, or reserve for the purpose of having historical or other pageants
9 conducted by the agent of any authorized agency.
- 10 4. Provide water, sewer, and electric service to trailer or tent campsites and buildings and
11 structures included in projects authorized by the legislative assembly.
- 12 5. Provide facilities for the sale to the public of food, nonintoxicating beverages, except
13 beer and wine sales as provided in subsections 6 and 7, and other merchandise and
14 personal services of a suitable nature, and make buildings, structures, and other
15 recreational facilities available for use and occupancy by the public, or contract for the
16 lease of the buildings, structures, and facilities to a concessionaire to be operated on
17 the terms and compensation basis as the director determines to be in the best interest
18 of the state. The duration of a concession agreement may not exceed twenty years. A
19 bond must be required of each concessionaire in the amount the director determines,
20 conditioned upon the faithful performance of all duties under the lease and proper
21 accounting for all funds.
- 22 6. Allow the sale of beer and wine by operating concessionaires on property leased to
23 the department by the United States department of the army, corps of engineers under
24 the management of the director, if the concessionaire ~~also obtains~~ holds the
25 appropriate local and state retail licenses or an event permit required or authorized by
26 ~~section 5-02-01~~ chapter 5-02.
- 27 7. ~~Allow the sale of on-sale beer and wine by operating, liquor-licensed concessionaires~~
28 ~~for fourteen events per year on property under the management of the director which~~
29 ~~borders the Missouri River and which is within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of a city~~
30 ~~with a population in excess of twenty thousand, if the concessionaire also obtains the~~
31 ~~appropriate local and state licenses required by section 5-02-01.~~

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- 1 8. Charge and collect motor vehicle permit fees in the amounts prescribed by the
2 legislative assembly, which fees are and must be imposed for the sole purposes of
3 paying capital costs of projects required to provide the special services herein
4 described and referred to, and of meeting the principal and interest and reserve
5 requirements of bonds issued to finance such projects.
- 6 9.8. Charge a fee for providing special technical assistance to groups requesting
7 information from the natural heritage inventory database.
- 8 ~~10.9.~~ Allow the sale of advertising in parks and recreation publications. The director may
9 make rules regarding advertisement contracts and charges, space availability, and
10 content.