

Chapter 333

(Senate Bill 21)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – State Parks – Maryland Golden Age Pass

FOR the purpose of establishing that the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass is entitled to free day–use entry at certain State parks and is authorized to launch a boat at any State park without paying a boat launch fee; altering the days of the week on which the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass may camp overnight in a State park at a discounted fee; establishing that the free day–use entry applies to everyone in the vehicle with the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Golden Age Pass.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Natural Resources
 Section 5–1009
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

5–1009.

(A) A person 62 years old or older who possesses a Maryland Golden Age Pass[,]
 issued by the Maryland Park Service[, may]:

(1) IS ENTITLED TO FREE DAY–USE ENTRY TO ANY STATE PARK THAT
 CHARGES SERVICE FEES;

(2) MAY camp overnight in any State park at one–half of the established
 fee [Monday] SUNDAY through Thursday, excluding holidays; AND

(3) MAY LAUNCH A BOAT AT ANY STATE PARK WITHOUT PAYING A
 BOAT LAUNCH FEE.

(B) IF A PER–VEHICLE FEE IS IN EFFECT AT A STATE PARK, THE FREE
 DAY–USE ENTRY UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO
 EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE WITH THE HOLDER OF A MARYLAND GOLDEN AGE PASS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.