

Chapter 337

(Senate Bill 161)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – State Park Entry Fee – Exemptions

FOR the purpose of altering the individuals and vehicles that may enter a State park without paying a certain fee on presentation of an accepted entrance document; and generally relating to exemptions from paying State park entry fees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Natural Resources
 Section 5–1015
 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

5–1015.

(a) **IN THIS SECTION, “ACCEPTED ENTRANCE DOCUMENT” MEANS A VALID VETERAN IDENTIFICATION CARD, A DRIVER’S LICENSE OR OTHER STATE–ISSUED LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT INDICATES THE HOLDER IS A VETERAN, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT ESTABLISHES THE HOLDER’S:**

(1) VETERAN STATUS; OR

(2) FORMER MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD STATUS IF THE HOLDER WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.

(B) On presentation of [a valid veteran identification card, a driver’s license that indicates the license holder is a veteran, or any other form of identification accepted by the Department that establishes the holder’s veteran status] AN ACCEPTED ENTRANCE DOCUMENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL:

(1) **[A veteran] THE INDIVIDUAL** may enter a State park without paying any day–use entry fee that has been established; and

(2) A vehicle of which [a veteran] **THE INDIVIDUAL** is an occupant may enter a State park without paying any per-vehicle fee that has been established.

[(b)] (C) This section does not exempt [a veteran or other] **AN** individual from paying any other facility use services fees not described in subsection **[(a)] (B)** of this section.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.