

SENATE BILL 21

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(PRE-FILED)

By: Senator Simonaire

Requested: June 2, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – State Parks – Maryland Golden Age Pass**

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Natural Resources

12 Section 5–1009

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 5–1009.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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