

SENATE BILL 21

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SB 312/25 – EEE

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.