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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law and the state finance law, in relation to enacting the "Niagara parks reinvestment act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "Niagara parks reinvestment act".

3 § 2. Section 3.09 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation
4 law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-i to read as follows:

5 2-i. Be empowered to require fifty percent of vehicle use fee gener-
6 ated from any state park wholly or partially located in the county of
7 Niagara to be deposited in the Niagara parks reinvestment fund estab-
8 lished in section ninety-two-k of the state finance law. The office
9 shall prepare an annual report on the amount of vehicle use fees
10 collected at any state park wholly or partially located in the county of
11 Niagara. Such report shall contain a detailed summary of projects being
12 funded and the amount each project is being funded for. Such report
13 shall be disseminated to the governor, the chairperson of the senate
14 tourism, recreation and sports development committee, the chairperson of
15 the assembly tourism, arts and sports development committee and to any
16 member of the state senate or assembly representing a portion of the
17 county of Niagara.

18 § 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-k to
19 read as follows:

20 § 92-k. Niagara parks reinvestment fund. 1. There is hereby estab-
21 lished in the joint custody of the comptroller and the commissioner of
22 taxation and finance a special fund to be known as the "Niagara parks
23 reinvestment fund".

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 2. Such fund shall consist of fifty percent of the balance of the
2 vehicle use fee generated from any state park wholly or partially
3 located in the county of Niagara as authorized pursuant to subdivision
4 two-i of section 3.09 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation
5 law.

6 3. The moneys appropriated or transferred to this fund shall be
7 disbursed to finance capital improvements in state parks wholly or
8 partially located in the county of Niagara and/or to create a transpor-
9 tation system linking the state parks with other tourist attractions
10 wholly or partially located in the county of Niagara.

11 4. All payments from this fund shall be made on the audit and warrant
12 of the comptroller on vouchers approved by the commissioner of the
13 Niagara Frontier state park, recreation and historic preservation
14 commission.

15 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
16 the date on which it shall have become a law.