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Introduced by M. of A. CERETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

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

5     2-H. 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-GG 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    S 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-gg to  
19    read as follows:

20    S 92-GG. 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-H 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 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
16 the date on which it shall have become a law.