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AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to providing for a three-year and a five-year access fee

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is
2 amended by adding two new sections 13.18 and 13.20 to read as follows:
3 S 13.18 THREE-YEAR VEHICULAR ACCESS FEE. 1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER
4 PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE OFFICE OR OTHER STATE AGENCY
5 HAVING JURISDICTION OF A STATE PARK OR RECREATIONAL FACILITY SHALL
6 ESTABLISH A THREE-YEAR VEHICULAR ACCESS FEE WHICH SHALL RUN FROM APRIL
7 FIRST OF THE YEAR OF ISSUANCE TO MARCH THIRTY-FIRST OF THE THIRD YEAR
8 FOLLOWING SUCH ISSUANCE, ENTITLING THE HOLDER THEREOF TO A PASS FOR
9 VEHICULAR ADMISSION WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FEE TO ANY STATE PARK AND RECRE-
10 ATIONAL FACILITY WHICH HAS A VEHICULAR ACCESS FEE. SUCH THREE-YEAR FEE
11 SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 13.15 OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
13 THE BUDGET.
14 2. THE PASS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "THREE-YEAR
15 EMPIRE PASSPORT". THE PASS SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT REGIONAL PARK HEADQUAR-
16 TERS AND SUCH OTHER PLACES AS THE OFFICE OR OTHER STATE AGENCY SHALL
17 DESIGNATE. SUCH PASS, HAVING AN EMBLEM OF THE BLUEBIRD THEREON, SHALL
18 BE AVAILABLE IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE OFFICE.
19 3. SUCH PASS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE OWNER
20 OR OPERATOR OF AN OMNIBUS OPERATED FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE, UNLESS SUCH
21 OMNIBUS IS OPERATED BY OR PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PUBLIC OR
22 PRIVATE NONPROFIT AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING PERSONS TO OR
23 FROM STATE PARKS FOR A RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

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

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1 4. IF DEMONSTRATED THAT THE USE OF THE PASS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS IN
2 PARTICULAR PARKS OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IS CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC
3 INTEREST, THE OFFICE OR SUCH OTHER STATE AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION MAY
4 PROHIBIT ITS USE IN SUCH PARTICULAR PARKS OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BY
5 RULE OR REGULATION.

6 5. THE OFFICE OR OTHER STATE AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION OF A STATE
7 PARK OR RECREATIONAL FACILITY SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGU-
8 LATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

9 S 13.20 FIVE-YEAR VEHICULAR ACCESS FEE. 1. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER
10 PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE OFFICE OR OTHER STATE AGENCY
11 HAVING JURISDICTION OF A STATE PARK OR RECREATIONAL FACILITY SHALL
12 ESTABLISH A FIVE-YEAR ACCESS FEE WHICH SHALL RUN FROM APRIL FIRST OF THE
13 YEAR OF ISSUANCE TO MARCH THIRTY-FIRST OF THE FIFTH YEAR FOLLOWING SUCH
14 ISSUANCE, ENTITLING THE HOLDER THEREOF TO A PASS FOR VEHICULAR ADMISSION
15 WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FEE TO ANY STATE PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY WHICH
16 HAS AN ACCESS FEE. SUCH FIVE-YEAR FEE SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FEE
17 SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13.15 OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL
18 BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET.

19 2. THE PASS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "FIVE-YEAR
20 EMPIRE PASSPORT". THE PASS SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT REGIONAL PARK HEADQUAR-
21 TERS AND SUCH OTHER PLACES AS THE OFFICE OR SUCH OTHER STATE AGENCY
22 SHALL DESIGNATE. SUCH PASS, HAVING AN EMBLEM OF THE BROOK TROUT THERE-
23 ON, SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE OFFICE.

24 3. SUCH PASS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE OWNER
25 OR OPERATOR OF AN OMNIBUS OPERATED FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE, UNLESS SUCH
26 OMNIBUS IS OPERATED BY OR PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PUBLIC OR
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37 S 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012.