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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:

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

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

2-i. Be empowered to require fifty percent of vehicle use fee generated from any state park wholly or partially located in the county of Niagara to be deposited in the Niagara parks reinvestment fund established in section ninety-two-kk of the state finance law. The office shall prepare an annual report on the amount of vehicle use fees collected at any state park wholly or partially located in the county of Niagara. Such report shall contain a detailed summary of projects being funded and the amount each project is being funded for. Such report shall be disseminated to the governor, the chairperson of the senate tourism, recreation and sports development committee, the chairperson of the assembly tourism, arts and sports development committee and to any member of the state senate or assembly representing a portion of the county of Niagara.

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

§ 92-kk. Niagara parks reinvestment fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a special fund to be known as the "Niagara parks reinvestment fund".

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

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

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

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

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