



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 85

February Session, 2012

* SB00085F IN 042012 *

AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS AT CERTAIN STATE PARKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 23-16a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
4 phase out the leases of camping sites at shore parks which the State
5 Park and Forest Commission determined were, in the 1970 season,
6 leased for more than three weeks in the aggregate to the same family
7 by reducing their number equally each year, for the next five years.]

8 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
9 shall not lease camping sites at shore parks to the same family for more
10 than three weeks during the period commencing on the Saturday
11 before Memorial Day and ending on Labor Day. The commissioner
12 shall (1) lease camping sites to the same family for additional days
13 during such period, provided such family vacates the shore park for a
14 minimum of five days between leases, (2) lease camping sites prior to
15 or after such period to a family without regard to such family's
16 aggregate length of stay, or (3) during such period lease any vacant
17 camping sites on a first come, first served basis. The commissioner
18 may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
19 to establish limits on the length of camping site leases. The three-week

20 lease length limitation in this subsection shall be effective until June 30,
21 2013, or until such regulations are adopted, whichever is later.

22 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this
23 section, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
24 shall establish a pilot program from April 16, 2013, to December 31,
25 2013, inclusive, allowing five per cent of camping sites in shore parks
26 to be leased by the same family without a limitation on the number of
27 days leased. Notwithstanding the schedule of fees established
28 pursuant to section 23-16, the commissioner may charge a nightly fee
29 of thirty-one dollars per night for such camping sites.

30 (2) On or before February 1, 2014, said commissioner shall report, in
31 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
32 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
33 relating to the environment and finance, revenue and bonding
34 regarding the pilot program established pursuant to subdivision (1) of
35 this subsection. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, a
36 description of the implementation of the pilot program, its impact
37 upon the availability of camping sites, the reaction of families using
38 the camping sites and recommendations for changes, if any, in the
39 pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	23-16a

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*