



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 386

LCO No. 1797



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF STATE PARKS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,
2 2017, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
3 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
4 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment, in
5 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the
6 establishment of a per-person admission fee at all state parks by July 1,
7 2017. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, a
8 recommendation for the dollar amount of such per-person admission
9 fee that will result in: (1) The amount of such per-person admission
10 fee, when both coupled with and established in lieu of any applicable
11 parking fee at each state park, being comparable to the applicable per-
12 person admission fees and parking fees of state parks located in the
13 states of New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New
14 Hampshire and Maine, and (2) increased revenue from state park
15 admission and parking fees. In developing such recommendation, the
16 commissioner shall account for the continued availability of parking

17 and parking and admission to state parks without fee for disabled
18 veterans and persons sixty-five years of age or older.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To receive a recommendation for the dollar amount of a per-person admission fee to state parks that will leave the state competitive with surrounding states for such park admissions while generating increased revenues for the maintenance and operation of Connecticut's state parks.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]