



**Senate Bill No. 429**

**Public Act No. 18-7**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS.***

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

Section 1. Section 23-15h of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There is established an account to be known as the Passport to the Parks account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide expenses of the Council on Environmental Quality, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and for the care, maintenance, operation and improvement of state parks and campgrounds, the funding of soil and water conservation districts and the funding of environmental review teams. [Any moneys in such account may be expended only pursuant to an appropriation by the General Assembly.] All funds collected from the Passport to the Parks Fee established pursuant to section 14-49b shall be deposited into the Passport to the Parks account. Such account shall contain all moneys required by law to be deposited in such account. Such account may receive funds from private or public sources, including, but not limited to, any municipal government or the federal government. Such account shall contain subaccounts as required by section 23-15b.

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Sec. 2. Section 23-15 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

All receipts from the operation of the state parks shall be deposited in the Passport to the Parks account established pursuant to section 23-15h, as amended by this act. Expenditures incurred by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the operation, maintenance and extension of or improvements to state parks shall be paid with moneys [appropriated] from the Passport to the Parks account.

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