

South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors

Statement of Estimated Revenue Impact

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Bill Number: HB 4520 (Revised 3-23-10)

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Committee Requesting Impact: House

Bill Summary

A bill to amend section 51-3-60, as amended, of Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the use of facilities and campsites at South Carolina State Parks at reduced rates, so to provide the aged, blind, or disabled, may gain admission to and use campgrounds and other facilities of state parks for one half the prescribed fee, and that disabled veterans may gain admission to and use the campgrounds without charge.

REVENUE IMPACT ^{1/}

This bill would reduce the State Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism's revenues an estimated \$1,604,587 for FY2010-11.

Explanation of Revision (March 23, 2010) : We have been advised by SCPRT of additional anomalies that would affect SCPRT revenues reducing rates to the aged, blind and disabled for use of campsites and other park facilities. Based on this new information we estimate the reduced rates would reduce revenues to SCPRT by \$1,544,253 FY2010-11. We maintain the estimate for the Disabled Veterans waiver to reduce SCPRT revenues \$60,335 FY2010-11.

Explanation

This bill, as amended reduces rates fifteen percent for South Carolina aged, blind, or disabled resident's use of campsites and fifty percent for use of other park facilities. In addition, camping rates for Veterans in South Carolina that are totally and permanently disabled are reduced sixty-five percent to no charge. Based on actual reservation data provided by the South Carolina State Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism, aged, blind and disabled visitors make up 15.74% of the reservation value and currently receive a thirty-five percent discount on campsite facilities and no discount on other facilities. We estimate for FY2010-11 the additional discounts would reduce revenues to SCPRT by \$365,594. Disabled Veterans currently receive a thirty-five percent discount on campsite rentals. Based on the same reservation data, data from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics and data from Arizona State Parks, we estimate approximately 8.2% of the totally disabled veterans will use the campsite facilities without charge. Based on this analysis we estimate this waiver will reduce SCPRT revenues \$60,335 FY2010-11.

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^{1/} This statement meets the requirement of Section 2-7-71 for a state revenue impact by the BEA, or Section 2-7-76 for a local revenue impact, or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by the Office of Economic Research.