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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(State parks - free admission for Senior Citizens - lower age to 62)

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LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 126

Bill No. S4

Sponsor(s) J. Russo and Cafiero

Date Introduced Pre-filed

Committee: Assembly Agriculture and Environment

Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations

Amended during passage ~~XXX~~ No

Date of Passage: Assembly April 26, 1979

Senate May 25, 1978

Date of approval July 6, 1979

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~XX~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly ~~YesX~~ No

Senate Yes ~~XX~~

Fiscal Note Yes ~~XX~~

Veto message ~~YesX~~ No

Message on signing Yes ~~XX~~

Following were printed:

Reports ~~YesX~~ No

Hearings ~~YesX~~ No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill reduces from age 65 to 62 the exemption for admission fees to State parks, forest park reserves and reservations.

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SENATE, No. 4

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Senators J. RUSSO and CAFIERO

AN ACT to amend "An act relating to State parks and State forest park reserves and reservations and supplementing Title 13 of the Revised Statutes," approved February 3, 1971 (P. L. 1971, c. 18).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1971, c. 18 (C. 13:2-11) is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any rule or regulation of  
4 the Department of Environmental Protection no admission fee  
5 shall be charged for entrance into any State park or State forest  
6 park reserve or reservation by any resident of this State **[65]** 62  
7 or more years of age or who is totally disabled. The Commissioner  
8 of Environmental Protection shall by regulation prescribe the types  
9 of evidence which may be used to qualify persons for the benefits  
10 of this act.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill reduces from age 65 to 62 the exemption for admission fees to State parks, forest park reserves and reservations.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 4**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 1978

PROVISIONS:

This bill reduces the age for exemption from paying an admission fee for entrance into any State Park or State Forest park, reserve, or reservation from age 65 to age 62, and retains the current exemption for the totally disabled.

FISCAL IMPACT:

While a fiscal note is not yet available on this bill, the Senate Revenue, Finance, and Appropriations Committee finds that the admission fee revenue loss will not be significant.

FISCAL NOTE TO  
**SENATE, No. 4**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: OCTOBER 3, 1978

Senate Bill No. 4 reduces from age 65 to 62 the exemption for admission fees to State parks, forest park reserves and reservations.

The Department of Environmental Protection states that no attendance figures by age bracket for these facilities are available. However, the department estimates that enactment of this legislation would reduce State revenues by roughly \$100,000.00 per year.

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In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

JULY 9, 1979

KATYRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed a bill which reduces the age for free admission to State parks, forest park reserves and reservations from 65 to 62.

S-4, sponsored by Senator John F. Russo (D-Ocean), retains the exemption from admission fees for totally disabled persons.

"I hope this will encourage more senior citizens to make extended use of New Jersey's State parks and facilities," Byrne said.

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