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(Admission fees--State Parks)

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BILL NO: A1565

SPONSOR(S) Azzolina

DATE INTRODUCED: June 11, 1992

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Veterans
SENATE: Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** December 17, 1993
SENATE: December 13, 1993

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 23, 1993

FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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SENATE: Yes

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P.L.1993, CHAPTER 304, approved December 23, 1993

1992 Assembly No. 1565

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2 and amending P.L.1983, c.324.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 *State of New Jersey*:

6 1. Section 12 of P.L.1983, c.324 (C.13:1L-12) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 12. The department shall not charge an admission fee for
9 entrance into a State park or forest by any resident of the State
10 of 62 or more years of age or who is totally disabled or who is an
11 active member of the New Jersey National Guard who has
12 completed Initial Active Duty Training. The department shall
13 prescribe by regulation the types of evidence that may be used to
14 qualify persons for the benefits of this subsection.

15 As used in this section, "Initial Active Duty Training" means
16 Basic Military Training, for members of the New Jersey Air
17 National Guard, and Basic Combat Training and Advanced
18 Individual Training, for members of the New Jersey Army
19 National Guard.

20 (cf: P.L.1983, c.324, s.12)

21 2. This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment.

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24 **STATEMENT**

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30 The bill provides that the Department of Environmental
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above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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ASSEMBLY VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1565

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 1992

The Assembly Veterans and Military Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1565.

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SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1565

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 1993

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans Affairs and Agriculture Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1565.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1565
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: July 31, 1992

Assembly Bill No. 1565 of 1992 exempts active members of the New Jersey National Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training from paying admission fees for entrance into any State park or forest. Revenues from these fees are remitted to the General Fund for general budget purposes.

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that the annual revenues collected from this source could be reduced by approximately \$112,000 to \$224,000 if the bill is enacted. These amounts were calculated by assuming that the current contingent of approximately 14,000 Air and Army National Guardsmen would visit State parks and forests at least four times per year, paying \$2.00 to \$4.00 per visit. The amount of revenues lost could eventually become higher should the annual visitation rate by this group increase as a result of the incentive created by the bill.

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.