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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 149

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONSERVATION ACCESS PASSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Three-fifths of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend § 521, Title 7 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 521. Public lands use fees: blind site permit; conservation access pass.

4 (3) The following conservation access pass fees shall be paid to the Department or its duly authorized agents:

- 5 a. \$32.50 for a resident annual pass.
- 6 b. \$10 for a resident 3-day pass valid for 3 consecutive days.
- 7 c. \$65 for a nonresident annual pass.
- 8 d. \$20 for a non-resident 3-day pass valid for 3 consecutive days.
- 9 <u>e. One half of the annual fee or one half of the 3-day pass fee for all Delaware residents and non-residents</u>
- 10 who are 62 years of age or older provided the applicant provides proof of age at the time such application is made.
- 11 f. A Delaware resident who is 65 years of age or older may pay a 1-time fee of \$45, which will permit the
- 12 resident access to any public lands permitted under this section for the lifetime of the resident provided the
- 13 applicant provides proof of age at the time such application is made.
- 14 Section 2. This Act takes effect 6 months after its enactment into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act provides a senior discount for residents and non-residents 62 years of age and older, for a conservation access pass, and a life-time conservation access pass for Delaware residents, 65 years of age and older, consistent with current senior discounts for access fees to Delaware State Parks.