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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

142nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 318

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE PARKS.

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

1 Section 1. Amend §4701(a)(5)(B), Title 7 of the Delaware Code by redesignating the text of subparagraph (B) as
2 subparagraph (B)(i) and by adding a new subparagraph (B)(ii) to read:

3 “(ii) A Delaware resident who is 65 years of age or older and who owns a motor vehicle registered in
4 Delaware may pay a one-time fee of \$45.00, which will permit any vehicle owned by the resident and registered in Delaware to
5 enter any State park or recreation area for the lifetime of the resident, so long as the resident is the operator of his or her vehicle
6 at the time of entrance to the State park or recreation area to which admission is sought. An applicant for a lifetime permit
7 must furnish proof of age, vehicle ownership, and vehicle registration at the time application for the permit is made. All fees
8 collected under the authority of this subparagraph must be deposited in the General Fund and designated solely for park
9 operations and maintenance.”.

10 Section 2. Entrance into State parks and recreation areas by displaying a lifetime permit issued pursuant to this Act
11 begins on May 1, 2005. However, the sale of lifetime permits may begin in December 2004.

SYNOPSIS

This bill allows a Delaware resident who is 65 or older and who owns a motor vehicle registered in Delaware to purchase a lifetime permit to enter Delaware State parks or recreation areas. The one-time permit fee covers all vehicles owned by a permit holder, so long as the permit holder is the operator of the vehicle when the vehicle enters a park or recreation area. The bill will give a resident 65 or older an option of purchasing an annual permit for \$10.00 (under the present law) or a lifetime permit for \$45.00.

If spouses travel together, only one spouse needs to purchase a permit. However, if spouses intend to travel separately, each spouse will need to purchase a permit.