

Senate Bill 375 **PRE-FILE**

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so
3 as to define certain terms; to provide for a waiver of fees for certain spouses and children of
4 certain deceased military persons; to provide for conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions relative to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, is amended by
10 inserting immediately after Code Section 12-3-9.1 a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "12-3-9.2.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Fee' means the charge or fee established by the Board of Natural Resources for the
14 use or occupancy of any state park, historic site, or recreational area and specifically
15 includes, but is not limited to, entrance or admittance fees, rental fees for cabins or other
16 overnight lodgings, rental fees for campsites, and fees for the use of golf courses or other
17 recreational facilities.

18 (2) 'Qualified dependent' means a surviving unmarried spouse or child under the age of
19 21 of any person killed after September 11, 2001, while on ordered federal duty while in
20 a status which qualified him or her to hazardous duty pay.

21 (b) Any qualified dependent may apply to the commissioner of veterans service for
22 certification as a qualified dependent as defined by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this
23 Code section. The commissioner of veterans service is authorized and directed to certify
24 such applicants as qualified dependants and to issue to such applicants such proof of
25 certification as the commissioner finds appropriate. The commissioner of veterans service

1 may by rule or regulation require such documentation as may be necessary to certify
2 qualified dependents as provided in this subsection.

3 (c) Any qualified dependant who is certified as such by the commissioner of veterans
4 service as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section shall be granted a waiver of the
5 fee otherwise applicable at any state park, historic site, or recreational area operated by or
6 pursuant to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources or any division or other
7 agency of said department.

8 (d) The fee waiver provided for in subsection (c) of this Code section:

9 (1) Shall apply to rental fees for cabins, campsites, or other overnight accommodations
10 for the qualified dependent and members of the qualified dependent's immediate family
11 who occupy the overnight accommodations with the qualified dependent; and

12 (2) Shall not apply to rental or use fees for any group facilities or accommodations."

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SECTION 2.

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.