HOUSE BILL NO. 2451

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 10.1-202.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the establishment of the Golden Passport Two card.

Patron—Clement (By Request)

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-202.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-202.1. Golden Passports established; access to facilities in state parks.

A. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall establish a Golden Passport card that authorizes persons receiving social security disability payments to enter Virginia's state parks without having to pay an admittance or parking fee. Persons seeking such a card shall, upon the presentation of proof of receiving such disability payments, be issued a card by the Division of State Parks. The card shall remain valid during the time a person is receiving such payments.

B. The Department shall establish a Golden Passport Two card that entitles residents of Virginia, who (i) are over the age of 65 and (ii) pay an annual cost of \$10, to a fifty percent reduction in fees charged for access to the following state park facilities and services: entrance/parking, use of camping facilities, park merchandise, equipment rentals, and shelter and amphitheater rentals. However, the holder of this card shall not be entitled to a discount on the rental fees charged for overnight accommodations in state park cabins. Persons seeking such a card shall, upon the presentation of proof of age and residency, be issued a card by the Division of State Parks.