

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2126

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
 Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Robinson

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** State parks; lifetime senior parking pass.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a lifetime senior parking pass card that authorizes any person 60 years of age or older after paying a one-time fee to park at any of Virginia's state parks without being required to pay a parking fee at any such park.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

7a. **Expenditure Impact:** N/A.

7b. **Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021		
2022	(\$289,880)	NGF
2023	(\$295,677)	NGF
2024	(\$301,591)	NGF
2025	(\$307,622)	NGF
2026	(\$313,775)	NGF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will reduce state park revenues. The bill directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to establish a lifetime senior parking pass card that authorizes any person who has paid a one-time fee and has reached the age of 60 to park at any of Virginia's state parks without being required to pay a parking fee at any such park. Currently, DCR offers a discount on annual passes for parking and admission (up to 4 people for admission) for seniors over the age of 62. The current rate for this senior annual pass is \$40. The number of senior annual passes sold in 2020 was 7,247 resulting in approximately \$289,880 in revenue. As such, the agency anticipates that this bill will result in a loss of revenue in the amount of \$289,880 in FY 2022, with a 2 percent anticipated increase annually, rising to \$313,775 in FY 2026.

In order to maintain the current level of service, the department anticipates establishing the cost of the lifetime senior pass at an amount sufficient to cover the anticipated loss of revenue or seek additional general fund support. The estimated cost of the pass is unknown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Prior to 2016, DCR offered lifetime senior passes, but the agency indicates that it discontinued this pass due to revenue concerns.