

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1198

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

**2. Patron:**        Puckett

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

**4. Title:**         State parks; access for disabled persons

**5. Summary:** The bill expands the Golden Passport program for disabled persons to include a 50 percent discount on services and concessions offered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation at state parks. Currently, the Golden Passport card only entitles the holder to enter state parks without having to pay an admittance or parking fee.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2009               | \$0            |             |
| 2010               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral  |
| 2011               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral  |
| 2012               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral  |
| 2013               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral  |
| 2014               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral  |
| 2015               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral  |

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Fund</i>     |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 2009               | \$0            |                 |
| 2010               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral fund |
| 2011               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral fund |
| 2012               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral fund |
| 2013               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral fund |
| 2014               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral fund |
| 2015               | (\$200,000)    | nongeneral fund |

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 362 of Senate Bill 850.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Conservation and Recreation estimates that providing a 50 percent discount on services and concessions to Golden Passport holders will reduce revenue by approximately \$200,000 annually. Providing the discount will force the state parks to sell numerous items, such as food, merchandise, and cabin rentals, at a loss because the profit margin is not large enough to cover the 50 percent discount. This will result in either raising prices or reduced services for the other state park visitors.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources