

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB915

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: State parks; Virginia National Guard Passport established; free entry and parking.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a Virginia National Guard Passport that authorizes a member of the Virginia National Guard to enter state parks without paying a parking or admission fee.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill may reduce state park revenues by an indeterminate amount as the number of visitors to the park system who are members of the Virginia National Guard is not known, nor is the number of such individuals who would elect to use the passport. However, the introduced budget bill, HB1400/SB800, includes \$20,000 in general fund appropriation in each year and budget language to offset potential revenue loss resulting from the establishment of a Virginia National Guard Passport.

Currently, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) offers free parking and admission to all active duty and retired military on Veterans Day. This bill would provide free entry and parking to members of the Virginia National Guard. Based on 2020 data from the Virginia National Guard, there are 9,100 active National Guard members in the Commonwealth.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB1388 is identical to this bill.