

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1035

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

2. Patron: Guzman

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: State parks; free entry for Virginia National Guard.

5. Summary: Establishes a passport program for members of the Virginia National Guard that entitles the bearer to enter state parks in the Commonwealth without the payment of a parking or admission fee.

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

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact: Indeterminate.

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	(\$8,530)	NGF
2024	(\$8,701)	NGF
2025	(\$8,875)	NGF
2026	(\$9,052)	NGF
2027	(\$9,233)	NGF
2028	(\$9,418)	NGF
2029	(\$9,606)	NGF

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.

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.

To calculate an estimate on potential revenue loss, DCR applied the population percentage of members of the Virginia National Guard, 0.10 percent of the total population, to FY 2021 actual parking and admission revenue collections with a two percent anticipated increase

annually. As such, DCR estimates that offering free parking and admission to members of the Virginia National Guard would reduce revenues by \$8,530 beginning in FY 2023. With a two percent anticipated increase annually the revenue loss amount would be \$9,606 by FY 2029.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation; Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.