

**Senate Bill No. 285**

(By Senator Wells)

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[Introduced January 8, 2014; referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

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NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-5-20, relating to providing a fifty-percent discount to organized youth groups for campsite rental or group camping fees at state parks and forests if the group agrees to undertake a community service project that benefits the state park or forest; and rules.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-5-20, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 5. PARKS AND RECREATION.**

**§20-5-20. Discount for organized youth groups; rules.**

(a) The director shall provide to organized youth groups a fifty percent reduction at all state parks and forests for campsite

1 rental or group camping fees if the youth group agrees to undertake  
2 a community service project that benefits the state park or forest.

3 (b) The director shall propose rules for legislative approval  
4 in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-  
5 nine-a of this code to implement the provisions of subsection (a),  
6 including defining "organized youth group" and setting standards  
7 for "community service projects" undertaken in the state park or  
8 forest. The director may exclude traditional peak periods of  
9 occupancy at state parks and forests from the provisions of  
10 subsection (a), and may otherwise place reasonable limits on the  
11 size and duration of youth groups camping at state parks and  
12 forests pursuant to subsection (a).

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a fifty percent discount to organized youth groups for campsite rental or group camping fees at state parks and forests if the group agrees to undertake a community service project that benefits the park or forest.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.