

HOUSE No. 4500

Section 186 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 (see House, No. 4450), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment S of House, No. 4505). July 11, 2016.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to department of conservation and recreation park passes.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide department of conservation and recreation park passes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The registry of motor vehicles, in cooperation with the department of
2 conservation and recreation, shall offer for purchase a discounted annual MassParks pass or
3 senior MassParks pass to cover fees for day use admission, and parking for 1 calendar year at
4 state-owned facilities where parking fees are charged, to an applicant for the issuance or renewal
5 of a motor vehicle registration or license to operate a motor vehicle. The secretary of
6 administration and finance shall establish the discounted fee pursuant to section 3B of chapter 7
7 for an annual MassParks pass or senior MassParks pass to be purchased at the registry; provided,
8 however, that the cost of the passes shall not be greater than the cost of those purchased at other
9 department facilities. Fees collected by the registry pursuant to this section shall be transmitted
10 to the department of conservation and recreation and shall not be subject to the cap set forth in

11 item 2810-2042. All funds maintained by the department pursuant to this section shall be
12 expended for expenses, upkeep and improvements to the parks and recreation system. The
13 department shall investigate alternative methods to expand the sales of annual MassParks and
14 senior MassParks passes including, but not limited to, offering multi-year or automatically-
15 renewing annual passes and shall submit the result of its investigation to the clerks of the senate
16 and house of representatives and the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on
17 environment, natural resources and agriculture and the chairs of the house and senate committees
18 on ways and means not later than December 31, 2016.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2016.