HOUSE BILL No. 2524

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Requested by Representative B. Carpenter on behalf of Michael Saindon

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AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to cabins and camp sites; elimination of certain fees for senior citizens.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. For any person who is a resident of Kansas and 65 years of age or older, the secretary of wildlife and parks shall reduce by 50% the fee charged pursuant to K.S.A. 32-807 or 32-988, and amendments thereto, for the use of any camp site, cabin or other designated area for which camping fees are required at Kansas state parks. This section shall not apply to any fees charged for the use of such camp site, cabin or designated area on a Friday, Saturday or legal public holiday pursuant to K.S.A. 35-107, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. Commencing on July 1, 2024, and in each financial year thereafter, the secretary of wildlife and parks shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount of moneys that are attributable to the fees not collected during the previous fiscal year pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of such certification, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer such amount certified from the state general fund to the operating expenditures account of the state economic development initiatives fund of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks. The secretary shall transmit a copy of each such certification and a detailed report of the uncollected fees pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, to the director of the budget and the director of legislative research.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.