



**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY
Bluegrass Bill**

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**Referred to Committee:
House 4**

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Action on the Bill

House

Senate

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An act to Revitalize Kentucky State Parks

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Kentucky's State Park System was founded to give Kentuckians a place to go and enjoy the scenery or to give tourists to our great state a chance to see what we have to offer. Over the last decade or two, our state park system has been neglected in every way, and it is time that more money be put into the system to boost tourism and the wellbeing of our Kentucky citizens.

Section 2: The consequences of putting more money towards state parks would be the immense impact on tourists at the state parks. By raising the price of admission on non KY citizens to pay \$15 a person, the state park system could raise an additional \$11.25 Million to go towards renovating and building new facilities to better the state parks in Kentucky. For Kentucky citizens, a plan would be introduced to charge \$9 dollars per car entering a state park for a parking fee, but the cost to explore the state park would remain the same. If this was introduced, it would raise an additional \$13.5 Million. In addition to this, a special license plate for supporters of our state parks can be purchased for \$25 at the county clerks office, as well as receive donation through the county clerks office.

Section 3: The initiative will take effect, if passed, in January of 2018. To effectively do everything that the Kentucky State Park Service needs, this initiative will need to take place soon enough so that the park service can begin renovations and reconstruction.