

GAME, FISH, AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

Park Entrance License Fees Chapter 41:03:03:05 and 41:03:03:06

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	May 2, 2024	Custer State Park
	Public Hearing	July 11, 2024	Sioux Falls
	Finalization	July 11, 2024	Sioux Falls

INFORMATION

Senate Bill 55 was introduced by the Department during the 2024 Legislative Session, and was passed and signed by the Governor. The new law amended SDCL 41-17-13 to eliminate the option to purchase a discounted second annual park entrance license through the stub/coupon method and also eliminated the ability to buy multiple discounted annuals through common vehicle registration.

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

This rule proposal would remove ARSD 41:03:03:05 which authorizes the provision of a discounted half price second annual license, and the provisions for securing multiple discounted additional licenses through common vehicle registration. The proposal also amends 41:03:03:06 to formalize the availability of a double license option (one full price license and one half price license when purchased together). There are no limits on how many double licenses may be purchased.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

1. The popularity of using the coupon method has been declining for years. People often lose their stubs, throw them away, or give them away to other people. Eighty-five percent of these stubs go unused. Second annual sales have dropped by nearly 36% over the past 5 years.
2. The popularity of purchasing the second discounted license through the “combo” or “double” license has increased significantly. Double license sales have increased by more than 23% over the last five years.
3. Both of these options require the physical transfer of the coupon or the presentation of specific documentation that frequently causes customer frustration and dissatisfaction. Furthermore, neither of these options can be sold through the electronic kiosks, fee collection tubes, or online purchases.
4. There are still discount options for multiple car households such as buying the double licenses or the transferable license, both of which can be purchased at the kiosks or online.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

41:03:03:05. Limitations on half-price annual park entrance license. ~~Purchases of the annual park entrance license at full price and the first half-price license may be made at any designated license vendor without submitting vehicle registration certificates. All half-price annual park entrance licenses purchased must be affixed to vehicles owned by and registered in the name of the same person as the purchaser of the full-price annual park entrance license.~~

~~An owner of two or more vehicles may buy the first half-price park entrance license by submitting the receipt from the purchase of the full-price park entrance license to a designated license vendor.~~

~~An owner of more than two vehicles may buy the second half-price park entrance license and any subsequent half-price licenses at department offices by submitting copies of valid vehicle registration certificates for the owner's first two vehicles, whether or not park entrance licenses have already been purchased for them, and for the additional vehicles for which the owner wishes to buy half-price park entrance licenses. If park entrance licenses have already been purchased for the first two vehicles, the serial numbers of the park entrance licenses must accompany the applicable vehicle registrations Repealed.~~

Source: 10 SDR 120, effective May 16, 1984; 17 SDR 188, effective July 1, 1991; 46 SDR 74, effective December 2, 2019.

~~General Authority:~~ SDCL [41-17-13](#).

~~Law Implemented:~~ SDCL [41-17-13](#).

41:03:03:06. Park entrance license fees. Park entrance license fees are as follows:

- (1) The fee for an annual park entrance license is ~~\$36 for the first vehicle~~ thirty-six dollars and \$18 for each additional vehicle registered to the same owner;
- (2) The fee for two annual park entrance licenses, if purchased together, is fifty-four dollars;
- (3) The fee for a transferable annual park entrance license is ~~\$80~~ eighty dollars;
- ~~(3)~~(4) The temporary park entrance license fee at Custer State Park is ~~\$20~~ twenty dollars for a vehicle or a motorcycle and is valid for seven consecutive days from the date of purchase in any state park or recreation area;
- ~~(4)~~(5) Except at Custer State Park, the daily park entrance license fee is ~~\$8~~ eight dollars per vehicle;
- ~~(5)~~(6) For a vehicle that does not have a valid park entrance license displayed as required in § 41:03:03:02, the operator or the registered owner of the vehicle shall pay ~~\$15~~ fifteen dollars for a daily park entrance license for each day the vehicle is in the park, except at Custer State Park where the fee is ~~\$20~~ twenty dollars. The operator or registered owner may apply the entire amount of the cost of the daily park entrance license ~~towards~~ toward the purchase of an annual park entrance license;
- ~~(6)~~(7) In lieu of the annual, daily, or temporary park entrance license fee, each person, except the driver and step-on guide, occupying a commercial motorcoach with a seating capacity of eight people or more in any state park or recreation area shall must pay a park entrance license fee of ~~\$3~~ three dollars per person per day; and

~~(7)~~(8) Any group or organization that hosts a private one-day event at any state park or recreation area may pay, in lieu of any other park entrance license fee, a special one-day events park entrance license fee of ~~\$50~~ fifty dollars for each increment of ~~50~~ fifty attendees, or any portion of attendees thereof. The total fee is payable in advance and no partial refunds may be given. The fee does not extend overnight. One-day events must have written consent of the park manager at least ~~15~~ fifteen days prior to the event. Organized or hosted special one-day events ~~include~~ are limited to weddings, wedding receptions, meetings, class or family reunions, corporate or organizational picnics, and banquets. ~~Competitive events are not eligible for a one-day events permit.~~

Source: 10 SDR 120, effective May 16, 1984; 11 SDR 69, effective November 21, 1984; 12 SDR 151, effective March 16, 1986; 13 SDR 128, effective March 22, 1987; 15 SDR 139, effective March 20, 1989; 16 SDR 114, effective January 18, 1990; 16 SDR 135, effective February 18, 1990; 17 SDR 78, effective December 10, 1990; 17 SDR 170, effective May 14, 1991; 18 SDR 223, effective July 13, 1992; 19 SDR 82, effective December 7, 1992; 20 SDR 87, effective December 13, 1993; 20 SDR 150, effective March 23, 1994; 21 SDR 86, effective November 10, 1994, and May 1, 1995; 22 SDR 89, effective December 26, 1995; 25 SDR 108, effective February 28, 1999; 26 SDR 85, effective December 26, 1999; subdivision (5), adopted December 26, 1999, effective May 1, 2000; 26 SDR 162, effective June 14, 2000; 27 SDR 85, effective February 26, 2001; 28 SDR 103, effective January 30, 2002; 29 SDR 147, effective May 6, 2003; 30 SDR 99, effective December 22, 2003; 32 SDR 31, effective August 29, 2005; 33 SDR 225, effective June 25, 2007; 34 SDR 179, effective December 24, 2007; 35 SDR 184, effective February 2, 2009; 36 SDR 112, effective January 11, 2010; 37 SDR 112, effective December 8, 2010; 38 SDR 213, effective June 19, 2012; 39 SDR 100, effective December 3, 2012; 42 SDR 97, effective January 5, 2016; 44 SDR 93, effective December 4, 2017; 46 SDR 74, effective December 2, 2019.

General Authority: SDCL [41-17-13](#).

Law Implemented: SDCL [41-17-13](#).

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

1. The Issue – NA
2. Historical Considerations – NA
3. Biological Considerations – NA
4. Social Considerations – NA
5. Financial considerations – NA

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? NA
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? NA
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers, and outdoor recreationists? NA
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? NA

FISCAL IMPACT

2023 Annual License Sales

License Type	Number Sold	Revenue
Annual	60,628	\$2,182,602
Second Annual	9,485	\$170,734
Double License	39,106	\$2,111,718

Projected Fiscal Impact

	2023 Actual	2023 Revenue	Total # Stickers	Projected Adjustment	Total Adjusted Permits	Adjusted Revenue	Net Revenue	Total # Stickers	Percent Change
Single	60,628	\$ 2,182,608	60,628	-6485	54,143	\$ 1,949,148	\$ (233,460)	54,143	
Stub Option	9,485	\$ 170,730	9,485	-9485	-	\$ -	\$ (170,730)	-	
Double	39,106	\$ 2,111,724	78,212	10500	49,606	\$ 2,678,724	\$ 567,000	99,212	
Total		\$ 4,465,062	148,325			\$ 4,627,872	\$ 162,810	153,355	3.4%

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____