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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 510)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the department of natural resources to
2 establish certain fees at state parks and recreation areas.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455A.14 Camping and rental
2 facilities and other privileges — fees.

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
4 the department of natural resources is authorized to establish
5 fees for camping and use of rental facilities and other special
6 privileges at state parks and recreation areas under the
7 jurisdiction of the department.

8 2. The fees established by the department pursuant to this
9 section shall be in such amounts as may be determined by the
10 department based on the cost of providing the privileges and
11 the reasonable value of such privileges. Such fees may be
12 increased, reduced, or waived by the department for special
13 promotional events or efforts or on the basis of special
14 seasonal or holiday rates, on a statewide basis or on the basis
15 of an individual state park or recreation area.

16 3. Fees established pursuant to this section shall be
17 considered a specification of prices to be charged for goods or
18 services as provided in section 17A.2, subsection 11, paragraph
19 "g".

20 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
21 for the purpose of setting forth the methodology to be used in
22 establishing fees pursuant to this section.

23 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Sections 455A.12 and 461A.47, Code 2017,
24 are repealed.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill provides that, notwithstanding any provision of
29 law to the contrary, the department of natural resources is
30 authorized to establish fees for camping and use of rental
31 facilities and other special privileges at state parks and
32 recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the department.
33 Currently, the natural resource commission is authorized to
34 establish such fees under Code section 461A.47, which is
35 repealed by the bill.

1 The bill also provides that fees established by the
2 department pursuant to the bill's provisions shall be in such
3 amounts as may be determined by the department based on the
4 cost of providing the privileges and the reasonable value
5 of such privileges. Such fees may be increased, reduced,
6 or waived by the department for special promotional events
7 or efforts or on the basis of special seasonal or holiday
8 rates, on a statewide basis or on the basis of an individual
9 state park or recreation area. The bill provides that fees
10 established pursuant to the bill are considered a specification
11 of the prices to be charged for goods or services sold by
12 an agency and are not considered rules for purposes of Code
13 chapter 17A. The department is required to adopt rules that
14 set forth the methodology to be used in establishing the fees.

15 Code section 455A.12 relating to the sale of gift
16 certificates by the department for free camping and other
17 special privileges at state parks and recreation areas is
18 repealed.