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H.B. No. 659

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the waiver of state park, museum, and other
3 state-operated facility entrance fees for persons with certain
4 disabilities.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 442.030 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 442.030. FEES WAIVED FOR PERSONS WITH CERTAIN
9 DISABILITIES. (a) The commission shall waive the individual
10 entrance fees or any vehicle entrance fee to museums and other
11 facilities under the control of the commission for a person with a
12 physical, mental, intellectual, or developmental disability and a
13 paid personal attendant present to assist that person.

14 (b) The commission, in consultation with the Health and
15 Human Services Commission, shall by rule establish eligibility
16 requirements and procedures to implement this section.

17 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife
18 Code, is amended by adding Section 13.023 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 13.023. FEES WAIVED FOR PERSONS WITH CERTAIN
20 DISABILITIES. (a) The department shall waive the individual
21 entrance fees or any vehicle entrance fee to state parks,
22 recreational areas, and other facilities under the control of the
23 department for a person with a physical, mental, intellectual, or
24 developmental disability and a paid personal attendant present to

1 assist that person.

2 (b) The commission, in consultation with the Health and
3 Human Services Commission, shall by rule establish eligibility
4 requirements and procedures to implement this section.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.