

SENATE BILL 312

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – State Parks – Maryland Golden Age Pass**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass is entitled
4 to free day–use entry at certain State parks and is authorized to launch a boat at
5 any State park without paying a boat launch fee; establishing that the free day–use
6 entry applies to everyone in the vehicle with the holder of a Maryland Golden Age
7 Pass under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Golden
8 Age Pass.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 5–1009
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 5–1009.

18 **(A)** A person 62 years old or older who possesses a Maryland Golden Age Pass[,]
19 issued by the Maryland Park Service[, may]:

20 **(1) IS ENTITLED TO FREE DAY–USE ENTRY TO ANY STATE PARK THAT**
21 **CHARGES SERVICE FEES;**

22 **(2) MAY** camp overnight in any State park at one–half of the established
23 fee Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays; **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) MAY LAUNCH A BOAT AT ANY STATE PARK WITHOUT PAYING A**
2 **BOAT LAUNCH FEE.**

3 **(B) IF A PER VEHICLE FEE IS IN EFFECT AT A STATE PARK, THE FREE**
4 **DAY-USE ENTRY UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO**
5 **EVERYONE IN THE VEHICLE WITH THE HOLDER OF A MARYLAND GOLDEN AGE PASS.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2025.