

National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998-(Title VI; National Park Passport Program)

[Title VI of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998
(Public Law 105–391; 112 Stat. 3518; 16 U.S.C. 5991 et seq.)]

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TITLE VI—NATIONAL PARK PASSPORT PROGRAM¹

SEC. 601. [16 U.S.C. 5991] PURPOSES.

The purposes of this title are—

- (1) to develop a national park passport that includes a collectible stamp to be used for admission to units of the National Park System; and
- (2) to generate revenue for support of the National Park System.

SEC. 602. [16 U.S.C. 5992] NATIONAL PARK PASSPORT PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a national park passport program. A national park passport shall include a collectible stamp providing the holder admission to all units of the National Park System.

(b) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—A national park passport stamp shall be effective for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase.

(c) TRANSFERABILITY.—A national park passport and stamp shall not be transferable.

¹Section 813(d) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3390) provides:

(d) National Park Passport, Golden Eagle Passport, Golden Age Passport, and Golden Access Passport.—Effective on the date the notice required by section 5(a)(3) [probably should refer to section 805(a)(3) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6804(a)(3))] is published in the Federal Register, the following provisions of law authorizing the establishment of a national park passport program or the establishment and sale of a national park passport, Golden Eagle Passport, Golden Age Passport, or Golden Access Passport are repealed:

(1) Section 502 of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–391; 16 U.S.C. 5982).

(2) Title VI of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–391; 16 U.S.C. 5991–5995).

SEC. 603. [16 U.S.C. 5993] ADMINISTRATION.

(a) **STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION.**—(1) The Secretary shall hold an annual competition for the design of the collectible stamp to be affixed to the national park passport.

(2) Each competition shall be open to the public and shall be a means to educate the American people about the National Park System.

(b) **SALE OF PASSPORTS AND STAMPS.**—(1) National park passports and stamps shall be sold through the National Park Service and may be sold by private vendors on consignment in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary.

(2) A private vendor may be allowed to collect a commission on each national park passport (including stamp) sold, as determined by the Secretary.

(3) The Secretary may limit the number of private vendors of national park passports (including stamps).

(c) **USE OF PROCEEDS.**—

(1) The Secretary may use not more than 15 percent of the revenues derived from the sale of national park passports (including stamps) to administer and promote the national park passport program and the National Park System.

(2) Net proceeds from the sale of national park passports shall be deposited in a special account in the Treasury of the United States and shall remain available until expended, without further appropriation, for high priority visitor service or resource management projects throughout the National Park System.

(d) **AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the National Park Foundation and other interested parties to provide for the development and implementation of the national park passport program and the Secretary shall take such actions as are appropriate to actively market national park passports and stamps.

(e) **FEE.**—The fee for a national park passport and stamp shall be \$50.

SEC. 604. [16 U.S.C. 5994] FOREIGN SALES OF GOLDEN EAGLE PASSPORTS.

The Secretary of Interior shall—

(1) make Golden Eagle Passports issued under section 4(a)(1)(A) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6a(a)(1)(A)) or the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program authorized by section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (section 101(c) of Public Law 104–134; 16 U.S.C. 460l–6a note), available to foreign visitors to the United States; and

(2) make such Golden Eagle Passports available for purchase outside the United States, through commercial tourism channels and consulates or other offices of the United States.

SEC. 605. [16 U.S.C. 5995] EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS AND PROGRAMS.

(a) **PARK PASSPORT NOT REQUIRED.**—A national park passport shall not be required for—

(1) a single visit to a national park that charges a single visit admission fee under section 4(a)(2) of the Land and Water

Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(a)(2)) or the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program authorized by section 315 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (section 101(c) of Public Law 104-134; 16 U.S.C. 460l-6a note); or

(2) an individual who has obtained a Golden Age or Golden Access Passport under paragraph (4) or (5) of section 4(a) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(a)).

(b) **GOLDEN EAGLE PASSPORTS.**—A Golden Eagle Passport issued under section 4(a)(1)(A) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(a)(1)(A)) or such Recreational Fee Demonstration Program (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a note) shall be honored for admission to each unit of the National Park System.

(c) **ACCESS.**—A national park passport shall provide access to each unit of the National Park System under the same conditions, rules, and regulations as apply to access with a Golden Eagle Passport as of the date of enactment of this title.

(d) **LIMITATIONS.**—A national park passport may not be used to obtain access to other Federal recreation fee areas outside of the National Park System.

(e) **EXEMPTIONS AND FEES.**—A national park passport does not exempt the holder from or provide the holder any discount on any recreation use fee imposed under section 4(b) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(b)) or such Recreational Fee Demonstration Program (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a note).