



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1195

Introduced by: **Representative** Emery

1 **An Act to provide free admission to state parks and recreation areas for residents**  
2 **enrolled as members of Indian tribes.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 41-17:**

5 Any South Dakota resident who is an enrolled member of an Indian tribe may  
6 obtain free admission to any South Dakota state park or recreation area. The qualifying  
7 individual may also receive a fifty percent discount on any camping fee or associated  
8 electrical service fee established pursuant to § 41-17-1.1 or 41-17-14.1.

9 Any individual who applies for and qualifies for free admission under the provisions  
10 of this section must be issued a lifetime park entrance license by the Department of Game,  
11 Fish and Parks. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules pursuant to  
12 chapter 1-26 establishing criteria and procedures for obtaining free admission and reduced  
13 fees pursuant to this section and for the issuance of a lifetime park entrance license.