

Public Law 92-347

AN ACT

To amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to restore the Golden Eagle Passport Program, and for other purposes.

July 11, 1972
[S. 1893]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection 1(b) of the Act of July 15, 1968 (82 Stat. 354) is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 897), as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601), is further amended by inserting the following new section and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

Golden Eagle
Passport Program.
Restoration.
16 USC 4601-5
note.
16 USC 4601-4
note.

“ADMISSION AND SPECIAL RECREATION USE FEES: ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATIONS

“SEC. 4. (a) ADMISSION FEES.—Entrance or admission fees shall be charged only at designated units of the National Park System administered by the Department of the Interior and National Recreation Areas administered by the Department of Agriculture. No admission fees of any kind shall be charged or imposed for entrance into any other Federal'y owned areas used for outdoor recreation purposes.

“(1) For admission into any such designated area, an annual admission permit (to be known as the ‘Golden Eagle Passport’) shall be available, for a fee of not more than \$10. Any person purchasing the annual permit, and any person accompanying him, in a single, private, noncommercial vehicle shall be entitled to general admission into any admission fee area designated pursuant to this section during the calendar year in which the annual fee is paid, but such permit shall not authorize any use of specialized sites, facilities, equipment, or services for which additional fees are charged pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The annual permit shall be nontransferable and the unlawful use thereof shall be punishable in accordance with regulations established pursuant to subsection (d). The annual permit shall be available for purchase through the offices of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and through all post offices of the first- and second-class and at such others as the Postmaster General shall direct. The Secretary of the Interior shall transfer to the Postal Service from the receipts thereof such funds as are adequate for the reimbursement of the cost of the service so provided.

“Golden Eagle
Passport.”

“(2) Reasonable admission fees for a single visit at any designated area shall be established by the administering Secretary for persons who choose not to purchase the annual permit or who enter such an area by means other than by private, noncommercial vehicle.

Postal Service,
reimbursement.

“(3) No admission fee shall be charged for travel by private, noncommercial vehicle over any national parkway or any road or highway established as a part of the National Federal Aid System, as defined in section 101, title 23, United States Code, which is commonly used by the public as a means of travel between two places either or both of which are outside the area. Nor shall any fee be charged for travel by private, noncommercial vehicle over any road or highway to any land in which such person has any property right if such land is within any such designated area. In the Smoky Mountains National Park, unless fees are charged for entrance into said park on main highways and thoroughfares, fees shall not be charged for entrance on other routes into said park or any part thereof.

Single-visit fees.

Fee-free travel
areas.

72 Stat. 885.

Smoky Mountains
National Park.

“(4) The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish procedures providing for the issuance of an annual entrance permit (to be known as the ‘Golden Age Passport’) to any

“Golden Age
Passport.”

person sixty-two years of age or older applying for such permit. Such permit shall be nontransferable, shall be issued without charge, and shall entitle the bearer and any person accompanying the bearer in a single, private noncommercial vehicle to entry into any admission fee area designated pursuant to this section. No other free permits shall be issued to any person: *Provided*, That no fees of any kind shall be collected from any persons who have a right of access for hunting or fishing privileges under a specific provision of law or treaty or who are engaged in the conduct of official Federal, State, or local Government business and *Provided further*, That for no more than three years after the date of enactment of this Act, visitors to the United States will be granted entrance, without charge, to any designated admission fee area upon presentation of a valid passport.

Foreign visitors.

“(b) SPECIAL RECREATION USE FEES.—Each Federal agency developing, administering, or providing specialized sites, facilities, equipment, or services related to outdoor recreation shall provide for the collection of special recreation use fees for the use of sites, facilities, equipment, or services furnished at Federal expense.

“(1) Daily use fees for overnight occupancy within areas specially developed for such use shall be determined on the basis of the value of the capital improvements offered, the cost of the services furnished, and other pertinent factors. Any person bearing a valid Golden Age Passport issued pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this section shall be entitled upon presentation of such permit to utilize such special recreation facilities at a rate of fifty per centum of the established daily use fee.

Special permits.

“(2) Special recreation permits for uses such as group activities, recreation events, motorized recreation vehicles, and other specialized recreation uses may be issued in accordance with procedures and at fees established by the agency involved.

Fees, criteria,
posting, uniformity.

“(c) All fees established pursuant to this section shall be fair and equitable, taking into consideration the direct and indirect cost to the Government, the benefits to the recipient, the public policy or interest served, the comparable recreation fees charged by non-Federal public agencies, the economic and administrative feasibility of fee collection and other pertinent factors. Clear notice that an admission fee or special recreation use fee has been established shall be prominently posted at each area and at appropriate locations therein and shall be included in publications distributed at such areas. It is the intent of this Act that comparable fees should be charged by the several Federal agencies for comparable services and facilities.

Rules and regu-
lations.

“(d) In accordance with the provisions of this section, the heads of appropriate departments and agencies may prescribe rules and regulations for areas under their administration for the collection of any entrance fee and/or special recreation use fee, as the case may be. Persons authorized by the heads of such Federal agencies to enforce any such rules or regulations issued under this subsection may, within areas under the administration or authority of such agency head and with or, if the offense is committed in his presence, without a warrant, arrest any person who violates such rules and regulations. Any person so arrested may be tried and sentenced by the United States magistrate specifically designated for that purpose by the court by which he was appointed, in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as provided in title 18, United States Code, section 3401, subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e), as amended. Any violations of the rules and regulations issued under this subsection shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.

Enforcement.

82 Stat. 1115.
Penalty.

“(e) Except as otherwise provided by law or as may be required by lawful contracts entered into prior to September 3, 1964, providing that revenues collected at particular Federal areas shall be credited to specific purposes, all fees collected shall be covered into a special account in the Treasury of the United States to be administered in conjunction with, but separate from, the revenues in the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Revenues in the special account shall be available for appropriation, without prejudice to appropriations from other sources for the same purposes, for any authorized outdoor recreation function of the agency by which the fees were collected: *Provided, however,* That not more than forty per centum of the amount so credited may be appropriated during the five fiscal years following the enactment of this Act for the enhancement of the fee collection system established by this section, including the promotion and enforcement thereof.

“(f) Nothing in this Act shall authorize Federal hunting or fishing licenses or fees or charges for commercial or other activities not related to recreation, nor shall it affect any rights or authority of the States with respect to fish and wildlife, nor shall it repeal or modify any provision of law that permits States or political subdivisions to share in the revenues from Federal lands or any provision of law that provides that any fees or charges collected at particular Federal areas shall be used for or credited to specific purposes or special funds as authorized by that provision of law.

“(g) Periodic reports indicating the number and location of fee collection areas, the number and location of potential fee collection areas, capacity and visitation information, the fees collected, and other pertinent data, shall be coordinated and compiled by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and transmitted to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate. Such reports, which shall be transmitted no later than March 31 annually, shall include any recommendations which the Bureau may have with respect to improving this aspect of the land and water conservation fund program.”

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of the Interior may establish and collect use or royalty fees for the manufacture, reproduction, or use of “The Golden Eagle Insignia”, originated by the Department of the Interior and announced in the December 3, 1970, issue of the Federal Register (35 Federal Register 18376) as the official symbol for Federal recreation areas designated for recreation fee collection. Any fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be covered into the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

(b) Chapter 33 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended by adding the following new section thereto:

“§ 715. ‘The Golden Eagle Insignia’

“As used in this section, ‘The Golden Eagle Insignia’ means the words ‘The Golden Eagle’ and the representation of an American Golden Eagle (colored gold) and a family group (colored midnight blue) enclosed within a circle (colored white with a midnight blue border) framed by a rounded triangle (colored gold with a midnight blue border) which was originated by the Department of the Interior as the official symbol for Federal recreation fee areas.

“Whoever, except as authorized under rules and regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior, knowingly manufactures, reproduces, or uses ‘The Golden Eagle Insignia’, or any facsimile thereof, in such a manner as is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive, shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Fee disposition.

Annual reports to congressional committees.

“Golden Eagle Insignia”, royalties.

43 CFR Part 18.

62 Stat. 731;
82 Stat. 291;
84 Stat. 870.
18 USC 700.

Penalty.

"The use of any such emblem, sign, insignia, or words which was lawful on the date of enactment of this Act shall not be a violation of this section.

"A violation of this section may be enjoined at the suit of the Attorney General, upon complaint by the Secretary of the Interior."

(c) The analysis of chapter 33 immediately preceding section 701 of title 18 is amended by adding at the end thereon:

"715. 'The Golden Eagle Insignia'."

Termination.

(d) The rights in "The Golden Eagle Insignia" under this Act, shall terminate if the use by the Secretary of the Interior of "The Golden Eagle Insignia" is abandoned. Nonuse for a continuous period of two years shall constitute abandonment.

Approved July 11, 1972.

Public Law 92-348

AN ACT

July 13, 1972
[S. 979]

To amend the Act of September 30, 1965, relating to high-speed ground transportation, to enlarge the authority of the Secretary to undertake research and development, to remove the termination date thereof, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to undertake research and development in high-speed ground transportation, and for other purposes", approved September 30, 1965 (49 U.S.C. 1631), is amended by inserting "and door-to-door ground transportation" immediately after "high-speed ground transportation".

High-speed
ground transporta-
tion.
Research exten-
sion.

79 Stat. 893.

Demonstration
program.

(b) The first sentence of section 2 of such Act (49 U.S.C. 1632) is amended to read as follows: "The Secretary is authorized to contract for demonstrations to determine the contributions that high-speed ground transportation and door-to-door ground transportation could make to more efficient, safe, and economical intercity transportation systems."

Contracts.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 8(a) of such Act (49 U.S.C. 1638(a)) is amended by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4) respectively, and by inserting immediately after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

"(2) In awarding contracts in connection with research and development and demonstration projects under this Act, the Secretary shall give priority to proposals which will increase employment in labor areas (as those areas are described by the Secretary of Labor in title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations)—

"(A) which are experiencing a rate of unemployment of 9 per centum or more of the area's work force, or a rate of unemployment of 150 per centum or more of the federally determined unemployment rate for the entire United States; or

"(B) which have experienced a 1 per centum increase in unemployment, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, of the available work force as a result of the termination or reduction of a federally financed or supported program and such increase in unemployment continues to exist.

Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require that any contract awarded under this Act must be wholly performed in any one labor area."

(b) Paragraph (3), as so redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is amended to read as follows: