

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 4, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting SB 378 or similar legislation requiring local governments to provide discounts at parks for active duty military and veterans so long as the Legislature provides funding for such discounts so that property taxes do not have to be increased to offset the cost; directing the Mayor to provide a report to the Board estimating the fiscal impact associated with SB 378
Resolution No. R-243-14

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-4-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-243-14

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 378 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTS AT PARKS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND VETERANS SO LONG AS THE LEGISLATURE PROVIDES FUNDING FOR SUCH DISCOUNTS SO THAT PROPERTY TAXES DO NOT HAVE TO BE INCREASED TO OFFSET THE COST; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD ESTIMATING THE FISCAL IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH SB 378

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2013, Senator Joe Abruzzo (D – Wellington) filed SB 378 for the Florida Legislature’s consideration during the 2014 session; and

WHEREAS, SB 378 would require counties and municipalities to provide 25 percent discounts on annual entrance passes to parks for active duty military and veterans; and

WHEREAS, SB 378 also would require counties and municipalities to provide annual entrance passes at no charge to disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses or parents of members of the military killed in combat and surviving spouses or parents of law enforcement and firefighters killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County already offers certain discounts at County parks for active duty military and veterans with service-connected disabilities in recognition of their service to our country; and

WHEREAS, if passed, SB 378 may require such discounts to be extended and increased, resulting in a fiscal impact on County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to express its support and gratitude for active duty military and veterans, and would like to support SB 378 so long as the Legislature provides

funding for such discounts so that property taxes do not have to be increased to offset the fiscal impact associated with SB 378,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Supports SB 378 or similar legislation requiring local governments to provide discounts to parks for active duty military and veterans so long as the Legislature provides funding for such discounts so that property taxes do not have to be increased to offset the fiscal impact.

Section 2. Urges the Florida Legislature to enact such legislation based on the conditions set forth in section 1 above.

Section 3. Directs the Mayor or designee to provide a report estimating the additional annual fiscal impact associated with SB 378 within 10 days of the effective date of this resolution for placement on an agenda of the full Board, without committee review.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2014 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	aye
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	absent
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson absent
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Barbara J. Jordan aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez aye
Juan C. Zapata	absent	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty