

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1615

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to offenses committed in state parks or parkways.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Alexander, Regala and Sump; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission.

**House Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks**

**Background:** It is unlawful to cut, break, injure, destroy, or take vegetation or natural objects within a state park. Berry-picking, environmental education classes, and scientific studies are examples of activities that often violate this law. The Parks and Recreation Commission does not have authority to grant exemptions to this law.

**Summary:** The Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized to adopt rules allowing exemptions to the law prohibiting a the cutting, breaking or taking of vegetation or natural objects in state parks.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 97 0

Senate 47 0

**Effective:** July 27, 1997