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(Neb.)-State Lawmakers Debate Bill To Create New DMV Fee



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Several Nebraska lawmakers criticized a bill that would replace state park permits with a \$7 vehicle registration fee to help pay for park maintenance.

Sen. Annette Dubas of Fullerton led a filibuster against the measure Wednesday. She says drivers shouldn't be charged more money to register their vehicles. Several other senators say the fee would be a burden to the poor.

The bill would provide the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission about \$12 million annually to help cover \$43 million in deferred maintenance costs. It would make state parks more accessible to people with disabilities.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Bill Avery, says he doesn't like to pay new or increased fees. But Avery insists lawmakers need to find a way to fund the parks.