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SYNOPSIS

Exempts veterans from camping facilities fees at State parks and forests.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning camping facilities fees at State parks and
2 forests and amending P.L.2007, c.275.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.275 (C.13:1L-12.1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. (1) The department shall not charge an admission fee for
10 entrance into a State park or forest by any veteran during an event
11 held by a veterans' organization. In addition, the department shall
12 not charge a facilities fee of any kind to any veterans' organization
13 using a State park or forest for an event.

14 (2) The department shall not charge an admission fee or
15 facilities fee of any kind for entrance into a State park or forest by a
16 person holding a driver's license or identification card with a Gold
17 Star Family designation issued pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,
18 c.165 (C.39:3-10f6) or section 2 of P.L.1980, c.47 (C.39:3-29.3),
19 respectively.

20 (3) The department shall not charge a camping facilities fee of
21 any kind at State parks or forests, including for the use of
22 campsites, cabins, lean-tos, and shelters, to a veteran.

23 b. As used in this section:

24 "Veteran" means any resident of the State now or hereafter who
25 has been discharged honorably or under general honorable
26 conditions in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States,
27 or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of this State
28 or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109
29 (C.38A:1-1), or any honorably discharged member of the American
30 Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared
31 by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
32 federal veterans' benefits**;** and **]** .

33 "Veterans' organization" means the American Legion, Veterans
34 of Foreign Wars, or other veterans' organizations chartered under
35 federal law, or any service foundation of such an organization
36 recognized in its bylaws.

37 (cf: P.L.2019, c.500, s.1)

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill exempts veterans from being required to pay any
45 camping facilities fee for the use of campsites, cabins, lean-tos, and
46 shelters at State parks and forests.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.