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Introduced by M. of A. RAIA, CALHOUN, CONTE, FINCH, MURRAY, MONTESANO, McDONOUGH, TOWNSEND -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, CASTRO, FIELDS, HAWLEY, KOLB, M. MILLER, SAYWARD, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to providing free use of state parks for volunteer firefighters with at least forty years of service

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding a new section 13.20 to read as follows:

S 13.20 FREE USE OF STATE PARKS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW, ANY PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE, UPON PROOF OF SUCH RESIDENCE AND UPON PROOF THAT SUCH PERSON SERVED AT LEAST FORTY YEARS AS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AS DEFINED IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO USE ANY OF THE STATE PARKS IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, UPON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS APPLY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, BUT WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF ANY FEES OR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OF SUCH STATE PARKS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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