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Introduced by M. of A. ESPAILLAT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, ALESSI, ALFANO, BARRA, CUSICK, DESTITO, EDDINGTON, PHEFFER, RAMOS, TITONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to free use of campsites, parks and public places of recreation by veterans

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

Section 1. Section 13.19 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, as amended by chapter 649 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

S 13.19 Free use of campsites. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, any person who is blind, non-ambulatory, or an amputee or any veteran of the wars of the United States, who has at any time been awarded by the federal government an allowance towards the purchase of an automobile or is eligible for such an award shall be permitted to use any of the public campsites, parks and other public places of recreation in this state, 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 campsites, parks and other public places of recreation.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER LAW, ANY VETERAN WHO IS A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE AND WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING A TIME OF WAR, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION EIGHTY-FIVE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW, OTHER THAN A VETERAN WHO IS PERMITTED FREE USE OF PUBLIC CAMPSITES, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF RECREATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO USE ANY OF THE PUBLIC CAMPSITES, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF RECREATION IN THIS STATE, UPON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS APPLY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, BUT WITHOUT THE PAYMENT

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

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OF ANY FEES OR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE USE OF SUCH CAMPSITES, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF RECREATION.

S 2. Section 3.09 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 23 to read as follows:

23. DEVELOP, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, A SYSTEM WHEREBY VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES DURING A TIME OF WAR, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION EIGHTY-FIVE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW, ARE PERMITTED TO USE PUBLIC CAMPSITES, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF RECREATION IN THIS STATE WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF FEES OR OTHER CHARGES FOR USE.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date on which 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 are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.