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Introduced by Sen. MARCHIONE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to free use of campsites, parks and other public places of recreation by veterans who hold a federal Golden Access Passport or a federal Access Pass

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law[,]: (A) any person who is blind, non-ambulatory, or an amputee; or (B) 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; OR (C) ANY VETERAN WHO HOLDS EITHER A FEDERAL GOLDEN ACCESS PASSPORT OR A FEDERAL ACCESS PASS ISSUED UPON A DETERMINATION OF A PERMANENT DISABILITY 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.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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