STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 22, 2018

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law and the education law, in relation to creating the explorer empire passport

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 13.22 to read as follows:

§ 13.22 Explorer empire passport. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the office shall provide public libraries free two-day passes, or passes for one night of camping, to state parks and historic sites for up to six members of the same household, of which at least one member is registered with such library. Such passes shall be referred to as the explorer empire passport and each library shall be provided with a minimum of two such passes.

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 286 to read as follows:

§ 286. Explorer empire passport. All public libraries, as defined in section two hundred fifty-three of this part, shall make available free two-day passes, or passes for one night of camping, to state parks and historic sites for up to six members of the same household, of which at least one member is registered with such library, in accordance with section 13.22 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law. All such passes shall be subject to the return policy utilized by each individual library. Such passes shall be referred to as the explorer empire passport and each library shall be provided with a minimum of two such passes.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation by the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation or the commissioner of education 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.

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

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