

# 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:

1 Section 1. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is  
2 amended by adding a new section 13.22 to read as follows:

3 § 13.22 Explorer empire passport. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
4 any other law, the office shall provide public libraries free two-day  
5 passes, or passes for one night of camping, to state parks and historic  
6 sites for up to six members of the same household, of which at least one  
7 member is registered with such library. Such passes shall be referred to  
8 as the explorer empire passport and each library shall be provided with  
9 a minimum of two such passes.

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

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

22 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
23 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the  
24 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation by the  
25 commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation or the  
26 commissioner of education necessary for the implementation of this act  
27 on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and  
28 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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