STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 3, 2019

Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- 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, in relation to access to state parks and recreational facilities by persons with a disability without charge

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 State park and recreational facility access; persons with a disability. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office shall provide to a person with a disability access to all state parks and recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the office or other state agency, entitling such person and his or her immediate family to a pass to such state parks and recreational facilities without the charge of any admission.

2. The pass for persons with a disability shall be available at regional park headquarters and such other places as the office shall designate. Such pass shall be issued in a manner and form to be determined by the office that shall be sufficient to identify the holder as disabled and shall be valid for the life of such person.

3. For the purposes of this section, "disability" means (a) a physical, mental or medical impairment resulting from anatomical, physiological, genetic or neurological conditions which prevents the exercise of a normal bodily function or is demonstrable by medically accepted clinical or laboratory diagnostic techniques or (b) a record of such an impairment or (c) a condition regarded by others as such an impairment.

4. The office shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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

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§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made on or before such effective date.