STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- 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 state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York state passport to the parks pilot program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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 3.27 to read as follows:

§ 3.27. New York state passport to the parks pilot program. 1. The commissioner shall establish a pilot program to educate individuals on the various parks within the state and the importance of maintaining such parks, to promote environmental awareness with respect to such parks and to promote tourism of such parks. Passport stamp booklets shall be made available to all individuals under such pilot program and shall include a description of each state park along with space for individuals to collect stamps from each park.

2. Passport stickers, cancellations or stamps shall be made available to individuals at each park located within the state.

3. Passport stamp booklets shall be made available for sale to individuals at retail stores located in state parks, recreational facilities, historic sites and online. Proceeds from such pilot program shall go to the New York state passport to the parks fund as established pursuant to section ninety-nine-hh of the state finance law.

4. The commissioner shall be authorized and directed to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-hh to read as follows:

§ 99-hh. New York state passport to the parks fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the commissioner of parks, recre-

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

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ation and historic preservation and the comptroller a special fund to be known as the "New York state passport to the parks fund".

2. Monies within the New York state passport to the parks fund shall be made available to the commissioner for payment of any and all costs and expenditures incurred in performing any of the work required in developing and maintaining a system of state parks, parkways, recreation facilities and historic sites under the custody and control of the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, including costs and expenses incidental and appurtenant thereto.

3. The New York state passport to the parks fund shall consist of all revenues received pursuant to the provisions of section 3.27 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, and all other monies appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect December 31, 2020 and shall expire and be deemed repealed 5 years after such date. 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 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.