

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 allowing persons who are permanently disabled and require the use of a wheelchair to have free use of any of the public campsites, parks and other public places of recreation in this state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 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  
2 read as follows:  
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4 § 13.19 Free use of campsites. Notwithstanding the provisions of any  
5 other law, any person who is blind, non-ambulatory, or an amputee or any  
6 veteran of the wars of the United States, who has at any time been  
7 awarded by the federal government an allowance towards the purchase of  
8 an automobile or is eligible for such an award shall be permitted to use  
9 any of the public campsites, parks and other public places of recreation  
10 in this state, upon the same terms and conditions as apply to the general  
11 public, but without the payment of any fees or other charges for the  
12 use of such campsites, parks and other public places of recreation. For  
13 purposes of this section, "non-ambulatory" shall mean a person who is  
14 permanently disabled and requires the use of a wheelchair to access park  
15 facilities or is unable to move about in a field, wood, or other natural  
16 area without mechanical assistance.  
17 § 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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