STATE OF NEW YORK

5031

2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 22, 2021

Introduced by Sen. SERRANO -- 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 establishing the state parks passport program

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 State parks passport program. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner shall establish a state parks passport program.

2. The state parks passport program shall use a printed passport book or electronic application to allow visitors to state parks and historic sites to log their visits to such sites with ink stamps or electronic stamps, and ink stamps or electronic stamps that identify each state park or historic site by name. The costs associated with the development of the state parks passport program shall be derived from the patron services account of the miscellaneous special revenue fund. The commissioner may charge purchasers of the printed passport book or electronic application for the costs associated for printing or developing those materials.

3. The commissioner may designate a subset of such sites each year to highlight various regions of the state or various state park regions. The commissioner may provide for the conducting of special events that emphasize outdoor recreation or fitness for certain subsets of park attendees including, but not limited to, children and senior citizens.

4. The commissioner may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary for the operation of the state parks passport program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD08203-01-1