STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JEAN-PIERRE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to Gold Star families

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

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 read as follows:

§ 13.19 Free use of campsites. **1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, any person who is blind, non-ambulatory, or an amputee or any veteran [~~of the wars of the United States, who has at any time been awarded by the federal government an allowance towards the purchase of an automobile or is eligible for such an award~~] **or member of a Gold Star family** shall be permitted to use any of the public campsites, parks and other public places of recreation in this state, upon the same terms and conditions as apply to the general public, but without the payment of any fees or other charges for the use of such campsites, parks and other public places of recreation.

2. For the purposes of this section "veteran" shall mean a resident of this state who: (a) has served in the United States army, navy, marine corps, air force or coast guard; or (b) has served on active duty or ordered to active duty as defined in 10 USC 101 (d)(1) as a member of the national guard or other reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; or (c) has served on active duty or ordered to active duty for the state, as a member of the state organized militia as defined in subdivision nine of section one of the military law, and has been released from such service documented by an honorable or general discharge, or has a qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or is a discharged

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

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LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.