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 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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: (a) have the same meaning as such term is defined in section one of the veterans' services law and shall be a resident of this state who has served on active duty or ordered to active duty and has been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, or has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service; or (b) mean an individual who has served on active duty or ordered to

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

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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 who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.