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IN SENATE

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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, in relation to providing free use of state parks for certified first responders who participated in the rescue effort conducted in response to the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001

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 13.22 to read as follows:

§ 13.22 Free use of state parks. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, any person who is a resident of New York state, upon proof of such residence and upon proof that such person served as a certified first responder, as defined in section three thousand one of the public health law, who participated in the rescue effort conducted in response to the World Trade Center attack on September eleventh, two thousand one, shall be permitted to use any of the state parks in this state, including on weekends and public holidays, 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 state parks.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. 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.

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

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