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Introduced by Sens. CHU, BROUK, COMRIE, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, MAY, PALUMBO, RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, amended on second report, ordered to a third reading, and to be reprinted as amended, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to creating the "Checkout NY" pass, a comprehensive pass that allows for free or discounted use of state parks, historic sites and recreational facilities, and provides one such pass to each consolidated, federated and cooperative public library system within the state free of charge for circulation

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 13.32 to read as follows:

§ 13.32 Checkout NY pass. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office and all other state agencies having jurisdiction of a state park or recreational facility shall establish a Checkout NY pass which shall run from April first of each year to March thirty-first of the following year, entitling the holder thereof to admission without additional fee to any state park, historical site or recreational facility operated by the office or the department of environmental conservation or provides for discounts offered in comparison to other admission programs offered by the office. The annual fee for such pass shall be consistent with the fee schedule for each particular year established pursuant to section 13.15 of this article and shall be approved by the director of the budget.

2. The office shall provide one such pass to each library which is part of a consolidated, federated and cooperative public library system

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

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within the state free of charge for circulation through a distribution process managed by the New York state library system. The office shall provide for a consolidated, federated, and cooperative library system, or the New York state library system to purchase additional passes for circulation.

3. The office or other state agency having jurisdiction over a state park, historical site or recreational facility shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.