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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance personnel

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

1   Section 1. Section 13.19 of the parks, recreation and historic preser-
2 vation law, as amended by chapter 649 of the laws of 1977, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4   § 13.19 Free use of *parks and* campsites. Notwithstanding the
5 provisions of any other law, any person who is blind, non-ambulatory, or
6 an amputee or any veteran of the wars of the United States, who has at
7 any time been awarded by the federal government an allowance towards the
8 purchase of an automobile or is eligible for such an award*; or any*
9 *person who is a resident of New York state and serves as an active*
10 *volunteer firefighter, as defined in section two hundred fifteen of the*
11 *general municipal law, or as an enrolled member of a volunteer ambulance*
12 *service pursuant to article thirty of the public health law* shall be
13 permitted to use any of the public campsites, parks and other public
14 places of recreation in this state, upon the same terms and conditions
15 as apply to the general public, but without the payment of any fees or
16 other charges for the use of such campsites, parks and other public
17 places of recreation.
18   § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
20 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
21 tation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to
22 be made and completed on or before such effective date.