STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. ASHBY, GALLIVAN, OBERACKER, ORTT, RHOADS, ROLISON, WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to allowing veterans with a service-connected disability or Purple Heart free use of parks and campsites

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 **parks and** campsites. 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 any veteran of the wars of the United States with a ten percent or greater service-connected disability as certified by the United States veterans' administration, or any recipient of the Purple Heart** 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. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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