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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- 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 vehicular access to state parks and recreational facilities free of charge to military personnel who are residents of this state

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

1 Section 1. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is
2 amended by adding a new section 13.22 to read as follows:

3 § 13.22 Free access to parks; military personnel. 1. Notwithstanding
4 the provisions of section 13.15 of this article or any other provision
5 of law, the annual vehicular access to state parks and recreational
6 facilities, the "Three-Year Empire Passport" and the "Five-Year Empire
7 Passport" established pursuant to sections 13.16, 13.18 and 13.20 of
8 this article, shall be made available to all residents of the state who
9 are United States military personnel, New York state division of mili-
10 tary and naval affairs personnel, United States military reserve
11 members, New York state division of military and naval affairs reserve
12 members, and immediate family members of such persons.

13 2. Application shall be made for such vehicular access or passport in
14 a manner and form to be determined by the commissioner and shall include
15 valid proof of service, including, but not limited to, a common access
16 card or military identification card.

17 3. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations
18 necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this section.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
20 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
21 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
22 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
23 on or before such date.

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

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