STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 5, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MATTERA -- 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 annual vehicular access for active volunteer firefighters and active volunteer ambulance workers

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 Annual vehicular access for active volunteer firefighters and active volunteer ambulance workers. 1. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the office or other state agency having jurisdiction of a state park or recreational facility which has the authority to issue an annual pass for vehicular access pursuant to this article shall issue such annual pass for vehicular access without charge to an active volunteer firefighter or an active volunteer ambulance worker, who received service credit the prior year pursuant to a service award program established pursuant to section two hundred sixteen-a or two hundred nineteen-d of the general municipal law, and their immediate family at any state park or recreational facility upon proof of such active volunteer firefighter service or active volunteer ambulance worker.

2. For the purposes of this section: (a) "active volunteer firefighter" shall mean a resident of the state who is an active volunteer firefighter as defined in subdivision one of section two hundred fifteen of the general municipal law; (b) "active volunteer ambulance worker" shall mean a resident of the state who is an active volunteer ambulance worker as defined in subdivision nine-b of section two hundred nineteen-c of the general municipal law.

3. The office or other state agency having jurisdiction shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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

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§ 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.