STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 23, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS, DURSO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to granting certain first responders free use of state parks and campsites

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "heroes park pass act".

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 13.19 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, as amended by chapter 616 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, any person who is**:** blind, non-ambulatory, or an amputee [~~**or any**~~]**; a** veteran or member of a Gold Star family**; a resident of New York state who is a retired law enforcement officer, including but not limited to, persons who were a police officer employed by a county, city, village, or the state, or a correction officer employed by a county, city, or the state; a resident of New York state who is a retired paid or volunteer firefighter of a fire company or fire department within the state; or a resident of New York state and has retired from being an enrolled member of a volunteer ambulance service pursuant to article thirty of the public health law,** 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.

§ 3. 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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