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Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS, COOK, COLTON, REYES, JACOBSON, LUPARDO, BRABENEC, MANKTELOW, MILLER, MIKULIN, LEMONDES, GANDOLFO, GLICK, WILLIAMS, STERN, BUTTENSCHON, SLATER, DURSO, BEEPHAN, BLANKENBUSH, K. BROWN, GALLAHAN, MEEKS, DeSTEFANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ANGELINO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to allowing veterans to fish for free in state parks

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 13.32 to read as follows:

§ 13.32 Fishing in state parks; veterans. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office shall allow any person who meets the definition of veteran as defined in section one of the veterans' services law; as one who served on active duty and has been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, or has a qualifying condition as defined in section one of the veterans' services law and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable, or is a discharged LGBT veteran as defined in section one of the veterans' services law and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable to fish for free at all state parks under the jurisdiction of the office or other state agency. The office shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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.

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

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