STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. NORBER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to access to state parks and recreational facilities to veterans without charge

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 State park and recreational facility access; veterans. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office shall provide to veterans of the armed forces of the United States access to all state parks and recreational facilities under the jurisdiction of the office or other state agency, entitling such veteran to a pass to such state parks and recreational facilities without the charge of any admission.

2. The pass for veterans access shall be available at regional park headquarters and such other places as the office shall designate. Such pass shall be issued in a manner and form to be determined by the office that shall be sufficient to identify the holder as a veteran and shall be valid for the life of such veteran.

3. 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 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.

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

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