

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. 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:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 13.19 of the parks, recreation and
2 historic preservation law, as amended by chapter 616 of the laws of
3 2023, is amended to read as follows:

4 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, any person who is:
5 blind, non-ambulatory, or an amputee [~~or any~~]; a veteran or member of a
6 Gold Star family; a resident of New York state who is a retired law
7 enforcement officer, including but not limited to, persons who were a
8 police officer employed by a county, city, village, or the state, or a
9 correction officer employed by a county, city, or the state; retired
10 from the New York state unified court system; a resident of New York
11 state who is a retired, paid or volunteer firefighter, as defined in
12 section two hundred fifteen of the general municipal law; or a resident
13 of New York state and has retired from being an enrolled member of a
14 volunteer ambulance service pursuant to article thirty of the public
15 health law, shall be permitted to use any of the public campsites, parks
16 and other public places of recreation in this state, upon the same terms
17 and conditions as apply to the general public, but without the payment
18 of any fees or other charges for the use of such campsites, parks and
19 other public places of recreation.

20 § 2. 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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