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Introduced by Sens. O'MARA, BORRELLO, GALLIVAN, HELMING, MATTERA, OBER-
ACKER, ORTT, PALUMBO, TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland
Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in
relation to granting free access and parking at state parks for
active-duty military members and veterans

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

1 Section 1. The parks, recreation and historic preservation law is
2 amended by adding a new section 13.12 to read as follows:

3 § 13.12 Veteran parking at state parks. 1. Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, the office or other state agency having jurisdiction
5 of a state park shall allow free access and parking at such state park
6 for all active-duty military members and veterans. Provision of an
7 active-duty military identification card or veteran identification card
8 shall be sufficient under this section to grant the holder of such iden-
9 tification card free access and parking at such state park.

10 2. The provisions of subdivision one of this section shall not apply
11 to the owner or operator of an omnibus operated for a commercial
12 purpose.

13 3. The office or other state agency having jurisdiction shall promul-
14 gate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the
15 provisions of this section.

16 § 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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