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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to providing vehicular access to state parks and recreational facilities free of charge to military personnel who are residents of this state

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 Free access to parks; military personnel. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13.15 of this article or any other provision of law, the annual vehicular access to state parks and recreational facilities, the "Three-Year Empire Passport" and the "Five-Year Empire Passport" established pursuant to sections 13.16, 13.18 and 13.20 of this article, shall be made available to all residents of the state who are United States military personnel, New York state division of military and naval affairs personnel, United States military reserve members, New York state division of military and naval affairs reserve members, and immediate family members of such persons.

2. Application shall be made for such vehicular access or passport in a manner and form to be determined by the commissioner and shall include valid proof of service, including, but not limited to, a common access card or military identification card.

3. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of 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 date.

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

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