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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AMOUNT A VETERAN MUST PAY TO ENTER STATE PARKS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

Currently, the parks and wildlife commission (commission) may issue rules permitting veterans free entrance to state parks or recreation areas one day per year. The bill requires the commission to promulgate rules allowing veterans free entrance to state parks or recreation areas on a 3-day weekend coinciding with the observance of Veterans' Day.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:* 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-106, amend 3 (2.3) as follows: 4 33-12-106. Park entrance privileges - identified veterans -5 wounded warriors - search and rescue organizations conducting 6 training activities - legislative declaration - rules. (2.3) The 7 commission may SHALL promulgate rules to allow VETERANS, INCLUDING 8 ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, free entrance to any state park or recreation 9 area, not to include campgrounds, yurts, or other amenities and services 10 offered for veterans on one day each year ON A FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND 11 SUNDAY OR ON A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AND MONDAY THAT INCLUDE OR 12 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE OR FOLLOW VETERANS' DAY. The commission may 13 determine by rule which day DAYS veterans are allowed free entrance to 14 state parks and recreation areas. 15 **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 18 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a 19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the 20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act 21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect 22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in 23 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the 24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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