

NOTE: The governor signed this measure on 5/27/2015.

An Act

HOUSE BILL 15-1045

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also SENATOR(S) Crowder, Aguilar, Carroll, Donovan, Garcia, Guzman, Heath, Hodge, Jahn, Johnston, Kefalas, Kerr, Merrifield, Newell, Roberts, Sonnenberg, Todd, Ulibarri.

CONCERNING THE AMOUNT A VETERAN MUST PAY TO ENTER STATE PARKS,
AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-106, **add** (2.4) as follows:

33-12-106. Park entrance privileges - identified veterans - wounded warriors - search and rescue organizations conducting training activities - legislative declaration - rules. (2.4) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE TO ALLOW VETERANS, INCLUDING ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, FREE ENTRANCE TO ANY STATE PARK OR RECREATION AREA, NOT TO INCLUDE CAMPGROUNDS, YURTS, OR OTHER

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

AMENITIES AND SERVICES, FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST EACH YEAR. THE COMMISSION MAY PROMULGATE A RULE SETTING EVIDENCE STANDARDS TO SHOW A PERSON IS A VETERAN AND ISSUE A STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE THAT IDENTIFIES A PERSON AS A VETERAN FOR FUTURE ENTRANCE. THE COMMISSION MAY ALSO CHARGE A FEE FOR ISSUING THE STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE THAT IDENTIFIES A PERSON AS A VETERAN, BUT THE FEE MUST BE BASED ON THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COST OF ISSUING THE STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE.

(b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE MONEYS TO THE DIVISION TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (2.4). IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT MAKE THE APPROPRIATION, THE COMMISSION NEED NOT OFFER FREE ENTRANCE TO VETERANS TO STATE PARKS OR RECREATIONAL AREAS UNTIL THE MONEY IS APPROPRIATED.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$150,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by the division of parks and wildlife. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for state park operations.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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