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**HOUSE BILL 15-1045**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

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**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.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 23, 2015

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 2, 2015

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
January 29, 2015

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-106, add (2.4)  
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.** (2.4) (a) THE  
7 COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE TO ALLOW VETERANS,  
8 INCLUDING ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, FREE ENTRANCE TO ANY STATE  
9 PARK OR RECREATION AREA, NOT TO INCLUDE CAMPGROUNDS, YURTS, OR  
10 OTHER AMENITIES AND SERVICES, FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST EACH YEAR.  
11 THE COMMISSION MAY PROMULGATE A RULE SETTING EVIDENCE  
12 STANDARDS TO SHOW A PERSON IS A VETERAN AND ISSUE A STICKER OR  
13 OTHER DEVICE THAT IDENTIFIES A PERSON AS A VETERAN FOR FUTURE  
14 ENTRANCE. THE COMMISSION MAY ALSO CHARGE A FEE FOR ISSUING THE  
15 STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE THAT IDENTIFIES A PERSON AS A VETERAN, BUT  
16 THE FEE MUST BE BASED ON THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COST OF ISSUING  
17 THE STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE.

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

23           **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,  
24 \$150,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use  
25 by the division of parks and wildlife. This appropriation is from the  
26 general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this

1 appropriation for state park operations.

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

3 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

4 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.