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HOUSE BILL NO. 1035

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 10.1-202.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state parks; free entry for veterans.

Patrons—Guzman, Avoli, Clark, Hope and Rasoul

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 10.1-202.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 10.1-202.2. Veteran's Passport and Disabled Veteran's Passport established; free entry into state parks and discounted services.

A. The Department shall establish a Veteran's Passport that entitles the bearer to enter state parks in the Commonwealth without the payment of a parking or admission fee. The passport shall be issued upon request to (i) a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States with a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or from the military branch from which the veteran most recently served, or (ii) a member of the Virginia National Guard with a letter or other documentation from the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs. The Veteran's Passport shall be valid during the life of its holder.

B. The Department shall establish a Disabled Veteran's Passport that entitles the bearer to: (i) enter state parks in the Commonwealth without the payment of a parking or admission fee and (ii) receive a 50 percent discount on camping and swimming fees, picnic shelter rentals, and other Department-provided equipment rentals. The passport shall be issued upon request to a veteran of the ~~armed forces~~ Armed Forces of the United States with a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or from the military service that discharged the veteran, certifying that such veteran has a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent. The passport shall be valid for as long as the determination of the 100 percent service-connected disability by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs remains in effect.

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