

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 13(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/3/12**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS FRENCH, Wielechowski, Dyson, Kookesh, Wagoner, Meyer, Ellis, Menard, Paskvan, Egan, Davis, Thomas, Stedman, Stevens**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act providing for the waiver or reduction of certain fees and charges in state parks**  
2   **for disabled veterans."**

3   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 41.21.026(a) is amended to read:

5                   (a) Notwithstanding (b) of this section **and except as provided in (d), (f), and**  
6                   **(g) of this section**, the department may charge or collect a fee in a park unit for

- 7                               (1) rental of public use cabins or other overnight lodgings;  
8                               (2) overnight use of a developed campsite;  
9                               (3) special park use permits;  
10                              (4) competitive and exclusive commercial use permits;  
11                              (5) noncompetitive and nonexclusive commercial use permits;  
12                              (6) use of a sewage holding tank dump station;  
13                              (7) admission to or guided tours of visitor centers and historic sites;  
14                              (8) use of an improved boat ramp in a park facility developed

principally for boat launching;

(9) sale of firewood;

(10) sale of merchandise for informational or educational purposes related to public use and understanding of parks, including maps, plans, and other graphic materials;

(11) use of a developed facility that has developed parking and rest rooms; and

(12) presentation or attendance at programs related to natural or cultural history, outdoor skills or education, or other topics concerned with public use, enjoyment, or understanding of parks.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 41.21.026(d) is amended to read:

(d) The department shall issue free of charge to a disabled **veteran** [VETERANS] of this country an annual state park developed campsite permit. The permit shall allow the [A] disabled veteran to use a state park developed campsite for personal recreation use without a charge or fee under (a)(2) of this section. While utilizing a developed campsite without charge under this subsection, the disabled veteran shall comply with all other statutes or regulations pertaining to the use of the developed campsite. The department shall provide a form for use by a disabled veteran when applying for a permit under this section. Not later than February 1 of each year, the department shall prepare a report on the number of permits issued to disabled veterans under this subsection during the previous calendar year and notify the legislature that the report is available.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 41.21.026(e) is amended to read:

(e) In this section,

(1) "developed campsite" means a campsite having access to the following public facilities:

(A) [(1)] restrooms;

(B) [(2)] a picnic table;

(C) [(3)] an outdoor cooking facility; and

(D) [(4)] an approved water source;

(2) "veteran" has the meaning given in AS 38.05.067.

1     \* **Sec. 4.** AS 41.21.026 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

2             (f) The department may not charge or collect a fee under (a)(6) - (8), (11), or  
3             (12) of this section from a resident who is a disabled veteran.

4             (g) The department may not charge or collect a fee from a resident who is a  
5             disabled veteran for the rental of a public use cabin under (a)(1) of this section that is  
6             more than 50 percent of the fee that would be charged or collected from a person that  
7             is not a disabled veteran.