

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

1 principally for boat launching;

2 (9) sale of firewood;

3 (10) sale of merchandise for informational or educational purposes

4 related to public use and understanding of parks, including maps, plans, and other

5 graphic materials;

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

7 rooms; and

8 (12) presentation or attendance at programs related to natural or

9 cultural history, outdoor skills or education, or other topics concerned with public use,

10 enjoyment, or understanding of parks.

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

12 (d) The department shall issue free of charge to a disabled veteran

13 [VETERANS] of this country an annual state park developed campsite permit. The

14 permit shall allow the [A] disabled veteran to use a state park developed campsite for

15 personal recreation use without a charge or fee under (a)(2) of this section. While

16 utilizing a developed campsite without charge under this subsection, the disabled

17 veteran shall comply with all other statutes or regulations pertaining to the use of the

18 developed campsite. The department shall provide a form for use by a disabled veteran

19 when applying for a permit under this section. Not later than February 1 of each year,

20 the department shall prepare a report on the number of permits issued to disabled

21 veterans under this subsection during the previous calendar year and notify the

22 legislature that the report is available.

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

24 (e) In this section,

25 (1) "developed campsite" means a campsite having access to the

26 following public facilities:

27 (A) [(1)] restrooms;

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

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

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

31 (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.