

SENATE BILL NO. 13

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR FRENCH

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Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for the waiver of certain fees and charges in state parks for disabled**
2 **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) and (f)**
6 **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 a new subsection to read:
- 2 (f) The department may not charge or collect a fee under (a)(1), (6) - (8), (11),
- 3 or (12) of this section from a resident who is a disabled veteran.