## **SENATE BILL NO. 30**

# IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

#### BY SENATOR BJORKMAN

Introduced: 1/22/25

Referred: Resources, Finance

### A BILL

# FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

- 1 "An Act making certain veterans eligible for a lifetime permit to access state park
- 2 campsites and the parking and restrooms of developed facilities without charge; and
- 3 providing for an effective date."

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
- **\* Section 1.** AS 41.21.026(d) is amended to read:
  - (d) The department shall issue free of charge to <u>a</u> disabled <u>veteran</u> [VETERANS] of this country <u>a</u> [AN ANNUAL] state park <u>developed facility</u> <u>parking and restroom and</u> developed campsite permit <u>that is valid for the life of the permit holder</u>. The permit shall allow <u>the [A]</u> disabled veteran to use a state park developed campsite <u>and the parking and restrooms of a developed facility</u> for personal recreation use without a charge or fee under (a)(2) <u>or (10)</u> of this section. <u>The department shall automatically renew a permit issued under this subsection every five years upon receiving confirmation of the permit holder's mailing address. While utilizing a developed campsite or the parking or restrooms of a</u>

developed facility without charge under this subsection, the disabled veteran shall comply with all other statutes or regulations pertaining to the use of the developed campsite or facility. 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. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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