

SENATE BILL NO. 164

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR BJORKMAN

Introduced: 1/16/24

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 facilities without charge; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

5 (d) The department shall issue free of charge to a disabled **veteran**
6 [VETERANS] of this country a [AN ANNUAL] state park developed campsite **and**
7 **facility** permit **that is valid for the life of the permit holder**. The permit shall allow
8 **the** [A] disabled veteran to use a state park developed **campsite and a developed**
9 **facility with developed parking and rest rooms** [CAMPSITE] for personal
10 recreation use without a charge or fee under (a)(2) **or (10)** of this section. **A permit**
11 **issued under this subsection does not require renewal**. While utilizing a developed
12 campsite **or facility** without charge under this subsection, the disabled veteran shall
13 comply with all other statutes or regulations pertaining to the use of the developed
14 campsite **or facility**. The department shall provide a form for use by a disabled veteran

1 when applying for a permit under this section. Not later than February 1 of each year,
2 the department shall prepare a report on the number of permits issued to disabled
3 veterans under this subsection during the previous calendar year and notify the
4 legislature that the report is available.

5 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.