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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 179 (MLV)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Introduced: 3/1/91

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Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Rep. Ivan, Chair
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Special Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs

SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 179

This bill was introduced by the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs as a priority of the Disabled American Veterans. It allows the Department of Natural Resources to issue, free of charge, an annual state park developed campsite permit to a disabled American veteran. The development of the form to be submitted by the disabled veteran will be handled by the department.

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 179

Revision Date: 11-Mar-91 Department Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: Annual State Park Campsite Permit for BRU: Parks & Recreation Management
Disabled Veterans Components: Parks Management
 Sponsor: House Military & Veterans Affairs
 Requestor: House Military & Veterans Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 452

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS,CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of Current year impact: None

ANALYSIS:

Based on motor vehicle information this would affect approximately 350 disabled veterans in Alaska, at \$60 per permit it would reduce possible program receipts to the state by \$21.0. It would be impossible to predict the dollar effect if disabled veterans from the rest of the country were to take advantage of this free permit. An excessive usage could require the Division to take a look at a GP request in the future.

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 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 11-Mar-91
 Approved by Commissioner: Harold Heinze Date: 11-Mar-91
 Agency: Department of Natural Resources

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March 12, 1991

The Honorable Ivan Ivan, Chair
House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
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Dear Representative Ivan:

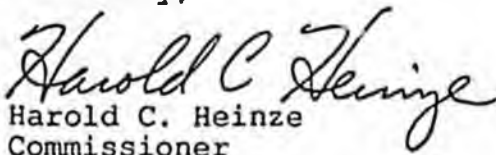
Subject: HB 179, providing for free use of state park campsites by disabled veterans.

Position: The Department of Natural Resources supports this bill. We are, however, uncertain about the number of disabled veterans who will request a free park pass and, as a result, the amount of revenue that will not accrue to the state park system.

Background: The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation charges \$60 for an annual state park campground pass. The Division of Motor Vehicles informs us that 344 disabled veterans have Alaska motor vehicle licenses. Veterans with motor vehicles would be the most likely users of state park campground passes. We do not know the nationwide total of motor vehicles licensed to disabled veterans.

Recommendation: We suggest the Department be required to report to the Legislature each January on the number of passes issued to disabled veterans during the previous calendar year.

Sincerely,


Harold C. Heinze
Commissioner

cc: Committee Members
Bruce Kendall, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Governor
Major General Hugh L. Cox, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs