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No. 1043

H.P. 672

House of Representatives, March 14, 2025

**An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites  
for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military  
Personnel**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.  
Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and  
Representatives: DILL of Old Town, FROST of Belgrade, PLUECKER of Warren, SARGENT of York.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1819-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 440, §1, is further amended to read:

**§1819-A. Day use passes for certain veterans; immediate family members**

Notwithstanding section 1819, the commissioner shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the issuance of a free day use pass to state parks and historic sites to each veteran determined by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to meet the criteria established in Title 37-B, section 8 and that veteran's immediate family members. The pass entitles the holder to admission free of charge to all state parks and historic sites. For purposes of this section, "immediate family members" means the veteran's spouse, domestic partner and dependent children.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1819-B**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 220, §2, is amended to read:

**§1819-B. Day use passes for active military personnel; immediate family members**

Notwithstanding section 1819, the commissioner shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the issuance of a free day use pass to state parks and historic sites to each active duty military member determined by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to meet the criteria established in Title 37-B, section 7 and that active duty military member's immediate family members. The pass entitles the holder, ~~and the holder's spouse and children when accompanied by the holder,~~ to admission free of charge to all state parks and historic sites. For purposes of this section, "immediate family members" means the active duty military member's spouse, domestic partner and dependent children.

## SUMMARY

This bill directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue free day use passes to state parks and historic sites to immediate family members of qualifying veterans and active duty military members as determined by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. The language of the bill allows immediate family members to hold their own passes, rather than only permitting family members to use the qualifying veteran's or active duty military member's pass. The bill defines "immediate family members" as the spouse, domestic partner and dependent children of a veteran or active duty military member.