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124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1488

H.P. 1043

House of Representatives, June 5, 2009

An Act To Provide Free Admission to State Parks to All Maine Veterans

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator BLISS of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CROCKETT of Bethel, PIEH of Bremen, Speaker
PINGREE of North Haven, TRINWARD of Waterville, WATSON of Bath, Senators:
President MITCHELL of Kennebec, SULLIVAN of York.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day
4 period in order to be in effect for the upcoming summer season; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
8 therefore,

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

10 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1819-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 220, §1, is further
11 amended to read:

12 **§1819-A. Day use passes for certain veterans**

13 Notwithstanding section 1819, the commissioner shall enter into a memorandum of
14 agreement with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for
15 the issuance of a free day use pass to state parks and historic sites to each veteran
16 determined by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to meet
17 the criteria established in Title 37-B, section 6. The pass entitles the holder, and the
18 holder's spouse and children when accompanied by the holder, to admission free of
19 charge to all state parks and historic sites for the period described in Title 37-B, section 6.
20 ~~This section is repealed June 30, 2015.~~

21 **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §6, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 268, §3, is
22 amended to read:

23 A. The person is a resident of this State; and

24 **Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §6, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 268, §3, is
25 amended to read:

26 B. The person received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable
27 conditions; and,

28 **Sec. 4. 37-B MRSA §6, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 220, §3 and
29 affected by §5, is repealed.

30 **Sec. 5. 37-B MRSA §6, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 220, §3 and affected
31 by §5, is repealed.

32 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
33 legislation takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

2 This bill provides for the issuance of a free day use pass to state parks and historic
3 sites to a veteran who is a resident of this State and who received an honorable discharge
4 or general discharge under honorable conditions. It removes the requirement that a
5 veteran must have served for a minimum of 3 continuous months outside the United
6 States between October 1, 2001 and January 1, 2015 either on an operational mission for
7 which members of the reserve were ordered to active duty or during a period of war
8 declared by the United States Congress or a period of national emergency declared by the
9 President of the United States or Congress. It also removes language that repeals on June
10 30, 2015 the sections of the law that provide day use passes to veterans.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Cornell du Houx of Brunswick

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Allowing free admission to state parks and historic sites to all veterans who received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions would result in a reduction of General Fund revenues. No estimate is made at this time.