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L.D. 56  
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**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 31, L.D. 56, "An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Spouses and Children of Veterans Holding Free Day Use Passes"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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and historic sites. For purposes of this section, "immediate family members" means the active duty military member's spouse, domestic partner and dependent children.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment 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 amendment defines "immediate family members" as the spouse, domestic partner and dependent children of a veteran or active duty military member.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 56

LR 299(02)

An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites for the Spouses and Children of Veterans Holding Free Day Use Passes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)  
 Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$150,770	\$201,026	\$201,026	\$201,026
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$150,770)	(\$201,026)	(\$201,026)	(\$201,026)

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides immediate family members of qualifying veterans and active duty military members free day-use passes to enter all state parks and historic sites. This is estimated to reduce General Fund revenue by \$150,770 in fiscal year 2023-24 and by \$201,026 in fiscal year 2024-25 using the assumption that qualifying veterans and family members comprise roughly 5% of the current annual revenue of \$4,020,520 from day-use passes.