

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 31

House of Representatives, January 4, 2023

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.  
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and  
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, JAUCH of Topsham, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SACHS of  
Freeport, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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

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

4 **§1819-A. Day use passes for certain veterans; spouses and children**

5 Notwithstanding section 1819, the commissioner shall enter into a memorandum of  
6 agreement with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the  
7 issuance of a free day use pass to state parks and historic sites to each veteran determined  
8 by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to meet the criteria  
9 established in Title 37-B, section 8. The pass entitles the holder, and the holder's spouse  
10 and children when accompanied by the holder, to admission free of charge to all state parks  
11 and historic sites.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill allows the spouse and children of a veteran holding a free day use pass to state  
14 parks and historic sites admission free of charge when they are accompanied by the pass  
15 holder.