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H.B. No. 1229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a waiver of certain state park fees for United States  
3 veterans.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.018(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The following people may apply to the department for a  
8 state parklands passport:

9 (1) a resident of this state who is 65 years old or  
10 over who has resided in the state for six consecutive months  
11 preceding the date of application for a parklands passport, a  
12 member of the United States armed forces on active duty who is 65  
13 years old or over, or any other individual in a category that the  
14 commission by rule designates as a resident of this state who is 65  
15 years old or over;

16 (2) a veteran of the armed services of the United  
17 States [~~who, as a result of military service, has a~~  
18 ~~service-connected disability, as defined by the Veterans'~~  
19 ~~Administration, consisting of the loss of the use of a lower~~  
20 ~~extremity or of a 60 percent disability rating and who is receiving~~  
21 ~~compensation from the United States because of the disability~~]; and

22 (3) an individual who has a physical or mental  
23 impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life  
24 activities of the individual.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.