

By: Paxton

S.B. No. 465

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a waiver of certain state park fees for certain disabled
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:

18 (A) [7] has a service-connected disability, as
19 defined by the Veterans' Administration; ~~[7, consisting of the loss~~
20 ~~of the use of a lower extremity or of a 60 percent disability~~
21 ~~rating]~~ and

22 (B) [who] is receiving compensation from the
23 United States because of the disability; and

24 (3) an individual who has a physical or mental

1 impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life
2 activities of the individual.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.