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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ACCESS TO STATE PARKS BY PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill allows Colorado residents who display a purple heart special license plate free entrance to any state park or recreation area, not including campgrounds, on any day of the year that such park or area is open.

The bill also allows a Colorado resident to acquire a free transferable annual state parks pass by presenting the same documents required for a purple heart special license plate at a regional office or the central office of the division of parks and wildlife, or at any other

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locations the division determines. Thus, Colorado residents who have received a purple heart will be able to obtain free access to state parks without acquiring a purple heart special license plate.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-106, **amend**
3 (1)(a); and **add** (1)(c) as follows:

4 **33-12-106. Park entrance privileges - identified veterans -**
5 **wounded warriors - search and rescue organizations conducting**
6 **training activities - legislative declaration - rules.** (1) (a) Any resident
7 who displays on the resident's vehicle a Colorado disabled veteran's
8 license plate pursuant to section 42-3-304 (3)(a) OR A PURPLE HEART
9 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-213 (2) must be
10 allowed free entrance to any state park or recreation area, not to include
11 campgrounds, on any day of the year such park or area is open. For the
12 purpose of this section, display of such license plates entitles the disabled
13 veteran OR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT and passengers in such DISABLED
14 veteran's OR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT'S vehicle to enter such park or
15 recreation area free of charge.

16 (c) ANY RESIDENT WHO PRESENTS THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO
17 SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42-3-213 (2) AT A REGIONAL
18 OFFICE OR THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DIVISION, OR AT SUCH OTHER
19 LOCATIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, MAY OBTAIN A
20 TRANSFERABLE ANNUAL PARKS PASS FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DIVISION.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
24 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V

1 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
2 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
3 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
4 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.