

STATE PARKS FEE EXEMPTION AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lynn N. Hemingway

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides free admission to state parks for certain disabled veterans.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the Board of Parks and Recreation to make rules granting free admission to state parks for certain disabled veterans; and

▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

79-4-304, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 344

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **79-4-304** is amended to read:

79-4-304. Board rulemaking authority.

(1) Rules made by the board shall be made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.



- 28 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) (a) The board may make rules:
- 29 (i) governing the use of the state park system;
- 30 (ii) to protect state parks and their natural and cultural resources from misuse or
- 31 damage, including watersheds, plants, wildlife, and park amenities; and
- 32 (iii) to provide for public safety and preserve the peace within state parks.
- 33 (b) To accomplish the purposes stated in Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2)(a), the board may enact
- 34 rules that:
- 35 (i) close or partially close state parks; or
- 36 (ii) establish use or access restrictions within state parks.
- 37 (c) Rules made under Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2) may not have the effect of preventing the
- 38 transfer of livestock along a livestock highway established in accordance with Section
- 39 [72-3-112](#).
- 40 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) The board shall adopt ~~[appropriate]~~ rules:
- 41 (a) governing the collection of charges under Subsection [79-4-203\(8\)](#)~~[-]~~; and
- 42 (b) granting free admission to state parks to an honorably discharged veteran who is at
- 43 least 50% disabled, as evidenced by documentation from:
- 44 (i) the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- 45 (ii) an active component of the United States armed forces; or
- 46 (iii) a reserve component of the United States armed forces.

Legislative Review Note
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