

Representative Lynn N. Hemingway proposes the following substitute bill:

STATE PARKS FEE EXEMPTION AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lynn N. Hemingway

Senate Sponsor: Gene Davis

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.



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

28 ~~[(+)]~~ (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 ~~[(+)]~~ (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 ~~[(+)]~~ (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:

43 (i) a resident of the state; and

44 (ii) at least 50% disabled, as evidenced by documentation from:

45 (A) the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

46 (B) an active component of the United States armed forces; or

47 (C) a reserve component of the United States armed forces.