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HOUSE BILL 15-1045

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Appropriations

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AMOUNT A VETERAN MUST PAY TO ENTER STATE**
102 **PARKS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)

Currently, the parks and wildlife commission (commission) may issue rules permitting veterans free entrance to state parks or recreation areas one day per year. The bill requires the commission to promulgate rules allowing veterans free entrance to state parks or recreation areas on a 3-day weekend coinciding with the observance of Veterans' Day.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 2, 2015

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
January 29, 2015

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-106, add (2.4)
3 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.** (2.4) (a) BY
7 JANUARY 1, 2016, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE A RULE TO
8 ALLOW VETERANS, INCLUDING ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, FREE ENTRANCE
9 TO ANY STATE PARK OR RECREATION AREA, NOT TO INCLUDE
10 CAMPGROUNDS, YURTS, OR OTHER AMENITIES AND SERVICES, FOR THE
11 MONTH OF AUGUST EACH YEAR. THE COMMISSION MAY PROMULGATE A
12 RULE SETTING EVIDENCE STANDARDS TO SHOW A PERSON IS A VETERAN
13 AND ISSUE A STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE THAT IDENTIFIES A PERSON AS A
14 VETERAN FOR FUTURE ENTRANCE. THE COMMISSION MAY ALSO CHARGE
15 A FEE FOR ISSUING THE STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE THAT IDENTIFIES A
16 PERSON AS A VETERAN, BUT THE FEE MUST BE BASED ON THE DIRECT AND
17 INDIRECT COST OF ISSUING THE STICKER OR OTHER DEVICE.

18 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE
19 MONEYS TO THE DIVISION TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (2.4). IF THE
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT MAKE THE APPROPRIATION, THE
21 COMMISSION NEED NOT OFFER FREE ENTRANCE TO VETERANS TO STATE
22 PARKS OR RECREATIONAL AREAS UNTIL THE MONEY IS REIMBURSED.

23 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,
24 \$ is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by
25 the division of parks and wildlife. This appropriation is from the general
26 fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation

1 for offering free entrance to state parks or recreation areas for the month
2 of August.

3 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly
6 (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that,
7 if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of
8 the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.