

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 4855

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland  
Security then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §20-5-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to allowing discounts and free camping at state parks for certain resident veterans.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 5. PARKS AND RECREATION.**

**§20-5-19. Discounts for West Virginia residents who are totally and permanently disabled  
and veterans, and seasonal free camping for disabled veterans.**

1 (a) The director shall issue a discount card to West Virginia residents who are totally and  
2 permanently disabled which would provide a 50 percent reduction in campground rental fees for  
3 each campsite to be used exclusively by the eligible camper: *Provided*, That in order to be eligible  
4 for the reduction, the person shall document that he or she is a resident of this state and that he  
5 or she has a total and permanent disability. The director shall promulgate rules in accordance  
6 with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code setting forth the documentation which is necessary to prove  
7 residency and total and permanent disability: *Provided, however*, That the 50 percent reduction  
8 in campground rental fees applies only to those rentals occurring during the period ~~of time~~  
9 beginning on the day after Labor Day and ending four days prior to Memorial Day.

10 (b) The director shall issue a card to West Virginia residents who are totally and  
11 permanently disabled honorably discharged veterans allowing the waiver of all campground rental  
12 fees for those rentals occurring during the period beginning on the day after Labor Day and ending  
13 four days prior to Memorial Day that are used exclusively by the eligible camper. The director  
14 shall promulgate rules in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code setting forth the  
15 documentation, which is necessary to prove residency, veteran status, and that the applicant  
16 suffers from a total and permanent disability.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow disabled veterans to camp free at state parks from Labor Day to Memorial Day each year.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.