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House Bill 2237

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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[Introduced February 10, 2021; Referred to the
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 free camping at state parks for West Virginia resident veterans who are totally
 3 and permanently disabled.

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;
free camping for West Virginia resident veterans who are totally and permanently disabled.**

1 (a) The director shall issue a discount card to West Virginia residents who are totally and
 2 permanently disabled which would provide a fifty 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~~ propose rules for
 6 legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code setting forth
 7 the documentation ~~which is~~ necessary to prove residency and total and permanent disability:
 8 *Provided*, however, That the fifty percent reduction in campground rental fees applies only to
 9 those rentals occurring during the period ~~of time~~ beginning on the day after Labor Day and ending
 10 four days prior to Memorial Day.

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

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow resident 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.