

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2021 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

### House Bill 2237

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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.