



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1084

Introduced by: **Representative Mulally**

1 **An Act to provide free state park and recreation area admission to current and**
 2 **former members of the South Dakota National Guard and their spouses and**
 3 **dependents.**

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 **Section 1. That § 41-17-13.4 be AMENDED:**

6 ~~41-17-13.4. Any South Dakota~~ An individual may obtain free admission to any
 7 state park or recreation area, provided the individual is a South Dakota resident who
 8 receives:

9 (1) Received a veteran allotment for a total disability ~~which that~~ is deemed a service-
 10 connected injury ~~or has received;~~

11 (2) Received the United States Veterans' Administration K Award; ~~any resident who~~
 12 was

13 (3) Was held as a prisoner of war; ~~or any resident who has~~

14 (4) Has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States ~~or and is~~
 15 classified by the Veterans Administration as totally disabled because of a service-
 16 connected injury;

17 (5) Has served as a member of the armed forces reserve ~~or the national guard who~~
 18 and is classified by the Veterans Administration as totally disabled ~~as a result~~
 19 because of a service-connected injury ~~may obtain free admission to any South~~
 20 Dakota state park or recreation area, and any such person;

21 (6) Is a retired or current member of the South Dakota National Guard; or

22 (7) Is the spouse or dependent of a retired or current member of the South Dakota
 23 National Guard.

24 Any individual referenced in subdivisions (1) to (7), inclusive, of this section may
 25 receive a fifty percent discount on any camping fee or associated electrical service fee
 26 established pursuant to § 41-17-1.1 or 41-17-14.1.

1 Any ~~person~~ individual who applies for and qualifies for free admission under ~~the~~
2 ~~provisions subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive,~~ of this section ~~shall~~ must be issued a lifetime
3 park entrance license by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

4 Any individual who applies for and qualifies for free admission under subdivisions
5 (6) or (7) of this section must be issued an annual park entrance license by the
6 Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

7 The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter
8 1-26, establishing criteria and procedures for obtaining free admission and reduced fees
9 pursuant to this section, and for the issuance of a lifetime park entrance license.