

STATE PARKS FEE EXEMPTION AMENDMENTS

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides free admission to state parks for certain disabled veterans.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the Board of Parks and Recreation to make rules granting free admission to state parks for certain disabled veterans; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

79-4-304, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 344

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

28 Section 1. Section **79-4-304** is amended to read:

29 **79-4-304. Board rulemaking authority.**

30 (1) Rules made by the board shall be made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
31 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

32 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) (a) The board may make rules:

33 (i) governing the use of the state park system;

34 (ii) to protect state parks and their natural and cultural resources from misuse or
35 damage, including watersheds, plants, wildlife, and park amenities; and

36 (iii) to provide for public safety and preserve the peace within state parks.

37 (b) To accomplish the purposes stated in Subsection ~~[(+)]~~ (2)(a), the board may enact
38 rules that:

39 (i) close or partially close state parks; or

40 (ii) establish use or access restrictions within state parks.

41 (c) Rules made under Subsection ~~[(+)]~~ (2) may not have the effect of preventing the
42 transfer of livestock along a livestock highway established in accordance with Section
43 72-3-112.

44 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) The board shall adopt ~~[appropriate]~~ rules:

45 (a) governing the collection of charges under Subsection 79-4-203(8)[-]; and

46 (b) granting free admission to state parks to an honorably discharged veteran who is:

47 (i) a resident of the state; and

48 (ii) at least 50% disabled, as evidenced by documentation from:

49 (A) the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

50 (B) an active component of the United States armed forces; or

51 (C) a reserve component of the United States armed forces.