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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

March 9, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

March 23, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterans; eliminating the residency requirement for a complimentary  
1.3 state park pass for a veteran with total and permanent service-connected  
1.4 disability; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.053, subdivision 10.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.053, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 10. **Free entrance; totally and permanently disabled veterans.** The  
1.8 commissioner shall issue an annual park permit for no charge ~~for~~ to any veteran with a  
1.9 total and permanent service-connected disability, as determined by the United States  
1.10 Department of Veterans Affairs, who presents each year a copy of their determination  
1.11 letter to a park attendant or commissioner's designee. For the purposes of this section,  
1.12 "veteran" ~~with a total and permanent service-connected disability~~ means a resident who  
1.13 ~~has a total and permanent service-connected disability as adjudicated by the United States~~  
1.14 ~~Veterans Administration or by the retirement board of one of the several branches of the~~  
1.15 ~~armed forces~~ has the meaning given in section 197.447.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009, for state park permits  
1.17 issued on or after that date.