

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO STATE PARKS; PROVIDING TO VETERANS RESIDING IN
3 THE STATE ONE DAY-USE PASS FOR UNLIMITED ENTRY INTO STATE
4 PARKS OR RECREATION AREAS AND ONE CAMPING PASS FOR UNLIMITED
5 USE OF CAMPING AREAS OPERATED BY THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF
6 THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

9 SECTION 1. Section 16-2-7.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999,
10 Chapter 174, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

11 "16-2-7.1. FREE STATE PARK PASSES TO VETERANS.--

12 A. The state parks division of the energy,
13 minerals and natural resources department shall provide to a
14 veteran residing in the state:

15 (1) one day-use pass for unlimited entry
16 into state parks or recreation areas operated by the
17 division; and

18 (2) one camping pass for unlimited use of
19 camping areas operated by the division.

20 B. As used in this section, "veteran" means a New
21 Mexico resident who:

22 (1) was regularly enlisted, drafted,
23 inducted or commissioned in the:

24 (a) armed forces of the United States
25 and was accepted for and assigned to active duty in the armed

1 forces of the United States;

2 (b) army reserve, navy reserve, marine
3 corps reserve, air force reserve, coast guard reserve, space
4 force reserve, army national guard or air national guard and
5 was accepted for and assigned to duty for a minimum of six
6 continuous years; or

7 (c) United States public health service
8 commissioned corps or the national oceanic and atmospheric
9 administration commissioned officer corps and served in the
10 capacity of a commissioned officer while on active duty in
11 defense of the United States; and

12 (2) was not separated from such service
13 under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge."===== HB 161
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