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1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §20-5-23, relating to the development of an incentive plan for West Virginia  
3 veterans which includes reductions and discounts in fees and charges at state parks.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 5. PARKS AND RECREATION.**

**§20-5-23. Development of comprehensive incentive plan for West Virginia veterans.**

1 (a) The director, in consultation with the Department of Tourism and the Department of  
2 Veterans' Assistance, shall develop a comprehensive plan for the development of, and support  
3 for, a program which encourages the use of state parks and forests by veterans of this state. The  
4 plan may include, without being limited to, reduced or discounted rates on charges and fees for  
5 campground rental fees, lodging, and park activities.

6 (b) For purposes of this section, "veteran" means any West Virginia resident who has  
7 served as an active member of the armed forces of the United States, the National Guard, or a  
8 reserve component as described in 38 U.S.C. §101. Notwithstanding any provision in this code  
9 to the contrary, a veteran must be honorably discharged or under honorable conditions as  
10 described in 38 U.S.C. §101.

11 (c) No later than December 1, 2024, the director shall submit to the Joint Committee on  
12 Government and Finance a written report detailing the program developed pursuant to subsection  
13 (a) of this section.

14 (d) The director shall promulgate rules, including emergency rules, if necessary, to the  
15 Legislature in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code.



The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Joe Linn*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Steve Hannon*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Originated in the Senate.

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*CyPRB*  
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President of the Senate

*Don Hancock*  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is *approved* this the *27th*  
Day of *March*, 2024.

*James O. Eastman*  
.....  
Governor





**PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

MAR 19 2024

Time 3:20 pm