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H. R. 1029

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To Waive the application fee for any special use permit
for veterans' special events at war memorials on land
administered by the National Park Service in the District
of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Free Veterans from
3 Fees Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**
5 **FEE FOR VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENTS.**

6 (a) **WAIVER.**—The application fee for any special use
7 permit solely for a veterans’ special event at war memo-
8 rials on land administered by the National Park Service
9 in the District of Columbia and its environs shall be
10 waived.

11 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

12 (1) **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVI-**
13 **RON.**—The term “the District of Columbia and its
14 environs” has the meaning given that term in sec-
15 tion 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

16 (2) **GOLD STAR FAMILIES.**—The term “Gold
17 Star Families” includes any individual described in
18 section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction
19 1348.36.

20 (3) **SPECIAL EVENT.**—The term “special
21 events” has the meaning given that term in section
22 7.96 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

23 (4) **VETERAN.**—The term “veteran” has the
24 meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title
25 38, United States Code.

(6) WAR MEMORIAL.—The term “war memorial” means any memorial or monument which has been erected or dedicated to commemorate a military unit, military group, war, conflict, victory, or peace.

9 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any
10 special use permit application submitted after the date of
11 the enactment of this Act.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.—Permit applicants remain subject to all other laws, regulations, and policies regarding the application, issuance and execution of special use permits for a veterans' special event at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs.

Passed the House of Representatives October 19,
2021.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.