

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2580

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2021

Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alexander Lofgren
5 Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECREATION PASSES.**

2 Section 805 of the Federal Lands Recreation En-
 3 hancement Act (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3385; 16
 4 U.S.C. 6804) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “age and
 6 disability discounted” and inserting “age discount
 7 and lifetime”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in the heading, by striking “DIS-
 10 COUNTED” and inserting “FREE AND DIS-
 11 COUNTED”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2)—

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “DIS-
 14 ABILITY DISCOUNT” and inserting “LIFE-
 15 TIME PASSES”; and

16 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
 17 inserting the following:

18 “(B) Any veteran who provides adequate
 19 proof of military service as determined by the
 20 Secretary.

21 “(C) Any member of a Gold Star Family
 22 who meets the eligibility requirements of section
 23 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction
 24 1348.36 (or a successor instruction).”; and

25 (C) in paragraph (3)—

1 (i) in the heading, by striking “GOLD
2 STAR FAMILIES PARKS PASS” and inserting
3 “ANNUAL PASSES”; and

4 (ii) by striking “members of” and all
5 that follows through the end of the sen-
6 tence and inserting “members of the
7 Armed Forces and their dependents who
8 provide adequate proof of eligibility for
9 such pass as determined by the Sec-
10 retary.”.

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