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**An Act to Provide Free Admission to State Parks and Historic Sites  
for the Immediate Family Members of Veterans and Active Military  
Personnel**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.  
Cosponsored by Senator RENY of Lincoln and  
Representatives: DILL of Old Town, FROST of Belgrade, PLUECKER of Warren, SARGENT  
of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1819-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 440, §1, is further amended  
3 to read:

4 **§1819-A. Day use passes for certain veterans; immediate family members**

5 Notwithstanding section 1819, the commissioner shall enter into a memorandum of  
6 agreement with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the  
7 issuance of a free day use pass to state parks and historic sites to each veteran determined  
8 by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to meet the criteria  
9 established in Title 37-B, section 8 and that veteran's immediate family members. The pass  
10 entitles the holder to admission free of charge to all state parks and historic sites. For  
11 purposes of this section, "immediate family members" means the veteran's spouse,  
12 domestic partner and dependent children.

13 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1819-B**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 220, §2, is amended to read:

14 **§1819-B. Day use passes for active military personnel; immediate family members**

15 Notwithstanding section 1819, the commissioner shall enter into a memorandum of  
16 agreement with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the  
17 issuance of a free day use pass to state parks and historic sites to each active duty military  
18 member determined by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management  
19 to meet the criteria established in Title 37-B, section 7 and that active duty military  
20 member's immediate family members. The pass entitles the holder, ~~and the holder's spouse~~  
21 ~~and children when accompanied by the holder,~~ to admission free of charge to all state parks  
22 and historic sites. For purposes of this section, "immediate family members" means the  
23 active duty military member's spouse, domestic partner and dependent children.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue  
26 free day use passes to state parks and historic sites to immediate family members of  
27 qualifying veterans and active duty military members as determined by the Department of  
28 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. The language of the bill allows  
29 immediate family members to hold their own passes, rather than only permitting family  
30 members to use the qualifying veteran's or active duty military member's pass. The bill  
31 defines "immediate family members" as the spouse, domestic partner and dependent  
32 children of a veteran or active duty military member.