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### **An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.  
Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and  
Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of  
Lewiston, HANINGTON of Lincoln, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville,  
SCHNECK of Bangor, SHEATS of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §83, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 595, Pt. M, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **5. Establish fees.** To establish fees for admission to the Maine State Museum and  
5 miscellaneous services. All revenues derived from these fees must be credited as  
6 undedicated revenue to the General Fund through June 30, 2014. Beginning July 1, 2014,  
7 all revenues derived from these fees must be credited as dedicated revenue to the Maine  
8 State Museum - Operating Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to be used to  
9 support the operations of the Maine State Museum. Notwithstanding this subsection, the  
10 commission shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Department of  
11 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the issuance of a free admission pass  
12 to the Maine State Museum to each veteran who is determined by the Department of  
13 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to meet the criteria established in Title  
14 37-B, section 8-A; and

15 **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §8-A** is enacted to read:

16 **§8-A. Issuance of free admission pass to Maine State Museum to veterans**

17 The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in accordance  
18 with a memorandum of agreement entered into with the Maine State Museum  
19 Commission under Title 27, section 83, subsection 5 and this section, shall issue a free  
20 admission pass to the Maine State Museum to eligible veterans pursuant to subsection 1.

21 **1. Eligibility.** The department shall determine a person's eligibility for a pass under  
22 this section by establishing that the person is a veteran and:

23 A. The person is a resident of this State; and

24 B. The person received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable  
25 conditions.

26 **2. Responsibilities of commissioner.** The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and  
27 Emergency Management shall identify a point of contact within the department to issue  
28 free admission passes in accordance with this section and the memorandum of agreement  
29 entered into with the Maine State Museum Commission pursuant to Title 27, section 83,  
30 subsection 5. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management  
31 shall periodically report to the Maine State Museum Commission a list of the names and  
32 addresses of all persons receiving passes to the Maine State Museum and the beginning  
33 dates for those passes. A pass issued under this section does not expire and is valid for  
34 the lifetime of the holder.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill provides for free admission to the Maine State Museum for veterans.