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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 270**

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4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 10.1-202.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to state parks; access for*  
5 *veterans; free entry and discounted services.*

6 Patron—Wright

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That § 10.1-202.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**10 **§ 10.1-202.2. Veteran's Passport established; free entry into state parks and discounted services.**11 *A. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means an individual who has served on active duty in the*  
12 *Armed Forces of the United States and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions*  
13 *other than dishonorable.*14 *B. The Department shall establish a Disabled Veteran's Passport that entitles the bearer to: (i) enter state*  
15 *parks in the Commonwealth without the payment of a parking or admission fee and (ii) receive a 50 percent*  
16 *discount on camping and swimming fees, picnic shelter rentals, and other Department-provided equipment*  
17 *rentals. The passport shall be issued upon request to a veteran of the armed forces of the United*  
18 *States with a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or from the military service that discharged*  
19 *the veteran, certifying that such veteran has a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent. The passport*  
20 *shall be valid for as long as the determination of the 100 percent service-connected disability by the U.S.*  
21 *Department of Veterans Affairs remains in effect who provides to the Department one of the following valid*  
22 *forms of identification:*23 *1. A U.S. Department of Defense Identification Card;*24 *2. A Veteran Health Identification Card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;*25 *3. A Veteran Identification Card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; or*26 *4. A state-issued driver's license or identification card that includes an indicator that the holder is a*  
27 *veteran.*28 **2. That any person who has been issued a Disabled Veteran's Passport by the Department of**  
29 **Conservation and Recreation shall be permitted to use such Passport in perpetuity and shall not be**  
30 **required to request a Veteran's Passport pursuant to § 10.1-202.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended**  
31 **by this act, in order to receive free entry into state parks in the Commonwealth and discounted services**  
32 **in such parks pursuant to § 10.1-202.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by this act.**

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