State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 521

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

By Representatives Hodges, Hall, Moon, Ragan, Wright, Reedy, Griffey, Cooper, Whitson, Windle, Calfee, Parkinson, Hardaway, Sherrell, Moody, Thompson, Warner, Freeman, Gloria Johnson, Helton, Cepicky, Todd, Clemmons, Love, Jernigan, Dixie, Miller, Camper

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 521

By Senators Briggs, White, Yager, Crowe, Jackson, Lundberg, Niceley, Powers, Rose, Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 3, relative to discounts at state parks for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-3-121, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1) and substituting:

(A) The commissioner shall offer discounted rates for activities at state parks to veterans who are Tennessee residents.

(B) The commissioner shall offer a year-round discount in the amount of no less than fifty percent (50%) for camping and overnight cabin lodging fees at state parks to a veteran who:

(i) Has a service-connected disability that is determined by the veterans' administration to constitute a one hundred percent (100%) permanent total disability; and

(ii) Is a resident of this state.

(C) Certification from the veterans' administration indicating the veteran's percentage of service-connected disability and proof of Tennessee residency must be presented in order to receive the discounted fee. This discount is subject to availability, as determined by the commissioner, and only applies to reservations made within thirty (30) days of the intended stay.

(D) Except for the discounts required by subdivision (b)(1)(B), the commissioner may determine the specific activities for which other discounts would apply, as well as the timing and amount of each discount; provided, that the other discounts must only be offered to resident veterans during the off season.

SECTION 2. The commissioner shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 3, 2021

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2021

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR