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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1406

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Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; von Gillern, 4.

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-438,
- 2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to authorize active-
- 3 duty military permits as a type of state park motor vehicle entry
- 4 permit; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-438, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2022, is amended to read:

3 37-438 (1) The commission shall devise annual, temporary, and
4 disabled veteran, and active-duty military permits.

5 (2) The annual permit may be purchased by any person and shall be
6 valid through December 31 in the year for which the permit is issued. The
7 fee for the annual permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be not more
8 than thirty-five dollars per permit. The fee for the annual permit for a
9 nonresident motor vehicle shall be two times the fee for a resident motor
10 vehicle or sixty dollars, whichever is greater. The commission shall
11 establish such fees by the adoption and promulgation of rules and
12 regulations.

13 (3) A temporary permit may be purchased by any person and shall be
14 valid until noon of the day following the date of issue. The fee for the
15 temporary permit for a resident motor vehicle shall be not more than
16 seven dollars. The fee for the temporary permit for a nonresident motor
17 vehicle shall be two times the fee for a resident motor vehicle or twelve
18 dollars, whichever is greater. The commission shall establish such fees
19 by the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations. The commission
20 may issue temporary permits which are either valid for any area or valid
21 for a single area.

22 (4)(a) A veteran who is a resident of Nebraska shall, upon
23 application and without payment of any fee, be issued one disabled
24 veteran permit for a resident motor vehicle if the veteran:

25 (i) Was discharged or separated with a characterization of honorable
26 or general (under honorable conditions); and

27 (ii)(A) Is rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
28 as fifty percent or more disabled as a result of service in the armed
29 forces of the United States; or

30 (B) Is receiving a pension from the United States Department of
31 Veterans Affairs as a result of total and permanent disability, which

1 disability was not incurred in the line of duty in the military service.

2 (b) All disabled veteran permits issued pursuant to this subsection
3 shall be perpetual and shall become void only upon termination of
4 eligibility as provided in this subsection.

5 (c) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
6 necessary to carry out this subsection.

7 (5) An active-duty military permit may be purchased by any
8 individual who is active-duty military and shall be valid through
9 December 31 in the year for which the permit is issued. The fee for the
10 veteran permit is five dollars, regardless of residence. To qualify for
11 an active-duty military permit, the individual shall present:

12 (a) Such individual's military identification card; or

13 (b) A copy of such individual's DD Form 214.

14 (6) (5) The commission may offer permits or combinations of permits
15 at temporarily reduced rates for specific events or during specified
16 timeframes.

17 Sec. 2. Original section 37-438, Revised Statutes Cumulative
18 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.