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H. R. 1029

[Report No. 117-106]

To Waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans' special events at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. KIND, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. STEWART, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 26, 2021

Additional sponsors: Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, and Mr. TAYLOR

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Free Veterans from
 5 Fees Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

7 **FEE FOR VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENTS.**

8 (a) WAIVER.—The application fee for any special use
 9 permit solely for a veterans’ special event at war memo-
 10 rials on land administered by the National Park Service
 11 in the District of Columbia and its environs shall be
 12 waived.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVI-
 15 RONS.—The term “the District of Columbia and its
 16 environs” has the meaning given that term in sec-
 17 tion 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

18 (2) GOLD STAR FAMILIES.—The term “Gold
 19 Star Families” includes any individual described in
 20 section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction
 21 1348.36.

22 (3) SPECIAL EVENT.—The term “special
 23 events” has the meaning given that term in section
 24 7.96 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

1 (4) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title
3 38, United States Code.

4 (5) VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENT.—The term
5 “veterans’ special event” means a special event of
6 which the majority of attendees are veterans or Gold
7 Star Families.

8 (6) WAR MEMORIAL.—The term “war memo-
9 rial” means any memorial or monument which has
10 been erected or dedicated to commemorate a military
11 unit, military group, war, conflict, victory, or peace.

12 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any
13 special use permit application submitted after the date of
14 the enactment of this Act.

15 (d) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.—Permit ap-
16 plicants remain subject to all other laws, regulations, and
17 policies regarding the application, issuance and execution
18 of special use permits for a veterans’ special event at war
19 memorials on land administered by the National Park
20 Service in the District of Columbia and its environs.

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