

Union Calendar No. 78

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4300

[Report No. 117–105, Part I]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2021

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. LONG, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. DUNN, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. HILL, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Ms. HERRELL, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. SABLAN, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SOTO, Mr. BROWN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MEIJER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MANN, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. LAMB, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CROW, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. PENCE, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. COLE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BOST, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. LIEU, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. FOXX, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GIBBS, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. CARL, Mr. MAST, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BROOKS, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. BARR, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr.

EMMER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. BUCK, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. ISSA, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. NEGUSE, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Additional sponsors: Mr. REED, Mr. FALLON, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. BANKS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. LATTA, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with amendments

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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Committee on Agriculture discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 1, 2021]

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 “Alexander Lofgren Vet-*
 5 *erans in Parks (VIP) Act”*

6 **SEC. 2. RECREATION PASSES.**

7 *Section 805 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhance-*
 8 *ment Act (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3385; 16 U.S.C.*
 9 *6804) is amended—*

10 *(1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “age and*
 11 *disability discounted” and inserting “age discount*
 12 *and lifetime”; and*

13 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

14 *(A) in the heading, by striking “DIS-*
 15 *COUNTED” and inserting “FREE AND DIS-*
 16 *COUNTED”;*

17 *(B) in paragraph (2)—*

18 *(i) in the heading, by striking “DIS-*
 19 *ABILITY DISCOUNT” and inserting “LIFE-*
 20 *TIME PASSES”; and*

21 *(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and*
 22 *inserting the following:*

23 *“(B) Any veteran who provides adequate*
 24 *proof of military service as determined by the*
 25 *Secretary.*

1 “(C) *Any member of a Gold Star Family*
2 *who meets the eligibility requirements of section*
3 *3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36*
4 *(or a successor instruction).”; and*
5 *(C) in paragraph (3)—*
6 *(i) in the heading, by striking “GOLD*
7 *STAR FAMILIES PARKS PASS” and inserting*
8 *“ANNUAL PASSES”; and*
9 *(ii) by striking “members of” and all*
10 *that follows through the end of the sentence*
11 *and inserting “members of the Armed*
12 *Forces and their dependents who provide*
13 *adequate proof of eligibility for such pass as*
14 *determined by the Secretary.”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.”.

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