

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; authorizing free entrance to state parks for totally and permanently disabled veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.053, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.053, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Free entrance; permanently and totally disabled veterans.** The commissioner shall allow free entrance to state parks and state recreation areas for any veteran with a total and permanent service-connected disability who presents each year a copy of their determination letter to a park attendant or commissioner's designee for an annual park permit. For the purposes of this section, "veteran with a total and permanent service-connected disability" means a resident who has a total and permanent service-connected disability as adjudicated by the United States Veterans Administration or by the retirement board of one of the several branches of the armed forces.