



2023 SENATE BILL 693

November 21, 2023 - Introduced by Senators HESSELBEIN, AGARD, JACQUE, TAYLOR, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, CABRAL-GUEVARA and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI, SNODGRASS, BARE, JOERS, DRAKE, PALMERI, DOYLE, RATCLIFF, GUSTAFSON, ORTIZ-VELEZ, CONSIDINE, OHNSTAD, ANDRACA, EMERSON, JACOBSON, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, MURSAU, CONLEY, STUBBS and EDMING. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 27.01 (7) (c) 13. of the statutes; **relating to:** free state park
2 admission for veterans and gold star families.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may operate a vehicle in any state park or in certain other recreational areas on state land unless the vehicle displays a vehicle admission receipt.

This bill provides that a vehicle admission receipt is not required for any vehicle occupied by a person who is a veteran under federal law or who qualifies under federal law for a gold star lapel button (commonly known as gold star family), which signifies that the recipient is the immediate family member of a member of the U.S. armed forces who died while serving during a time of conflict.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (7) (c) 13. of the statutes is created to read:
4 27.01 (7) (c) 13. Any vehicle, except a motor bus, occupied by a person who
5 produces evidence that he or she is a veteran, as defined in 38 USC 101, or that he

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1 or she meets any of the eligibility criteria specified in 10 USC 1126 (a) (1) to (3) for
2 a gold star lapel button.

3 (END)