



2007 SENATE BILL 49

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1 **AN ACT to create** 27.01 (7) (c) 11., 27.01 (7) (c) 12., 27.01 (8) (b) 4. and 27.01 (8)
2 (b) 5. of the statutes; **relating to:** free access to state parks and state trails by
3 certain disabled veterans and former prisoners of war.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, most vehicles entering state parks must have a vehicle admission receipt (sticker), either for annual use or for one-day use. Some vehicles are exempt from having a sticker, including vehicles operated by a unit of government, vehicles occupied by an adult holding a conservation patron license, vehicles occupied by a person who holds a senior citizen recreation card, and vehicles operated for transporting pupils of a public or private school. This bill adds to those exemptions vehicles occupied by a resident who is a veteran with a 70 percent or greater military-related disability and vehicles occupied by a resident who was a prisoner of war.

Currently, a fee is charged for admission to Heritage Hill State Park and to state trails. There are exemptions from the admission fee, including persons who hold a senior citizen recreation card and adults holding a conservation patron license. This bill adds to those exemptions residents who are veterans with a 70 percent or greater military-related disability and residents who were prisoners of war.

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For further information see the *state and local* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (7) (c) 11. of the statutes is created to read:

2 27.01 (7) (c) 11. Any vehicle, except a motor bus, occupied by a state resident
3 who holds a card issued by the department that shows that he or she is a veteran,
4 as defined in 38 USC 101, and is receiving disability compensation benefits under
5 38 USC 1101 to 1163 for disabilities that result in a disability rating that is 70 percent
6 or greater under 38 USC 1114.

7 **SECTION 2.** 27.01 (7) (c) 12. of the statutes is created to read:

8 27.01 (7) (c) 12. Any vehicle, except a motor bus, occupied by a state resident
9 who holds a card issued by the department that shows that he or she was a member
10 of the U.S. armed services and was held as a prisoner of war during a war period, as
11 defined in s. 45.01 (13), or while in service in a crisis zone, as defined in s. 45.01 (11).

12 **SECTION 3.** 27.01 (8) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

13 27.01 (8) (b) 4. Any state resident who holds a card issued by the department
14 that shows that he or she is a veteran, as defined in 38 USC 101, and is receiving
15 disability compensation benefits under 38 USC 1101 to 1163 for disabilities that
16 result in a disability rating that is 70 percent or greater under 38 USC 1114.

17 **SECTION 4.** 27.01 (8) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

18 27.01 (8) (b) 5. Any state resident who holds a card issued by the department
19 that shows that he or she was a member of the U.S. armed services and was held as
20 a prisoner of war during a war period, as defined in s. 45.01 (13), or while in service
21 in a crisis zone, as defined in s. 45.01 (11).

