



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 254

June 20, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives BROOKS, PETRYK, BERCEAU, RIPP, WRIGHT, CZAJA, MARKLEIN, BIES, OHNSTAD, BERNIER, A. OTT, WILLIAMS and LEMAHIEU, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, HANSEN, HARRIS, T. CULLEN, L. TAYLOR and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 27.01 (7) (c) 6., 27.01 (7) (c) 11., 27.01 (8) (b) 2. and 27.01 (8)
2 (bn) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** free admission to state parks and state trails
3 for veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, most vehicles entering state parks must display a vehicle admission receipt (sticker), either for annual use or for one-day use. Some vehicles are exempt from the sticker requirement, including a vehicle operated by a disabled veteran. Also under current law, the Department of Natural Resources may charge an admission fee to enter a state trail and disabled veterans are exempt from this fee as well. This bill extends both of these exemptions to all veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 27.01 (7) (c) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 254**SECTION 1**

1 27.01 (7) (c) 6. Any vehicle, except a motor bus, occupied by a person holding
2 a senior citizen recreation card issued under s. 29.624 ~~or an annual disabled veteran~~
3 ~~recreation card issued under s. 29.236.~~

4 **SECTION 2.** 27.01 (7) (c) 11. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 27.01 (7) (c) 11. Any vehicle, except a motor bus, occupied by a state resident
6 who produces evidence that shows that he or she is a veteran, as defined in 38 USC
7 101, ~~and is receiving disability compensation benefits under 38 USC 1101 to 1163 as~~
8 ~~individually unemployable under 38 USC 1502 or for disabilities that result in a~~
9 ~~disability rating that is 70 percent or greater under 38 USC 1114.~~ The department
10 shall recognize an annual disabled veteran recreation card issued under s. 29.236 as
11 sufficient evidence of veteran status.

12 **SECTION 3.** 27.01 (8) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 27.01 (8) (b) 2. Any person holding a senior citizen recreation card issued under
14 s. 29.624 ~~or an annual disabled veteran recreation card issued under s. 29.236; or~~

15 **SECTION 4.** 27.01 (8) (bn) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 27.01 (8) (bn) 1. Any state resident who produces evidence that shows that he
17 or she is a veteran, as defined in 38 USC 101, ~~and is receiving disability compensation~~
18 ~~benefits under 38 USC 1101 to 1163 as individually unemployable under 38 USC~~
19 ~~1502 or for disabilities that result in a disability rating that is 70 percent or greater~~
20 ~~under 38 USC 1114.~~ The department shall recognize an annual disabled veteran
21 recreation card issued under s. 29.236 as sufficient evidence of veteran status.

22 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

23 (1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2014, or on the day after publication,
24 whichever is later.

25 (END)