

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/10/24**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR BJORKMAN**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act making certain veterans eligible for a lifetime permit to access state park**  
2 **campsites and the parking and restrooms of developed facilities without charge; and**  
3 **providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 41.21.026(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) The department shall issue free of charge to a disabled veteran  
7 [VETERANS] of this country a [AN ANNUAL] state park developed facility  
8 parking and restroom and developed campsite permit that is valid for the life of  
9 the permit holder. The permit shall allow the [A] disabled veteran to use a state park  
10 developed campsite and the parking and restrooms of a developed facility for  
11 personal recreation use without a charge or fee under (a)(2) or (10) of this section.  
12 The department shall automatically renew a permit issued under this subsection  
13 every five years upon receiving confirmation of the permit holder's mailing  
14 address. While utilizing a developed campsite or the parking or restrooms of a

1        **developed facility** without charge under this subsection, the disabled veteran shall  
2        comply with all other statutes or regulations pertaining to the use of the developed  
3        campsite **or facility**. The department shall provide a form for use by a disabled veteran  
4        when applying for a permit under this section. Not later than February 1 of each year,  
5        the department shall prepare a report on the number of permits issued to disabled  
6        veterans under this subsection during the previous calendar year and notify the  
7        legislature that the report is available.

8        \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.