

Union Calendar No. 392

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 1702

[Report No. 116–490]

To waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2019

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. DUNN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Ms. GABBARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Additional sponsors: Mr. SPANO, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. BACON, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Mr. COX of California

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 12, 2019]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Free Veterans from Fees*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FEE**

7 **FOR VETERANS DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPE-**
8 **CIAL EVENTS.**

9 (a) *WAIVER.—The application fee for any special use*
10 *permit solely for a veterans’ demonstration or special event*
11 *at war memorials on land administered by the National*
12 *Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs*
13 *shall be waived.*

14 (b) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

15 (1) *DEMONSTRATION; SPECIAL EVENT.—The*
16 *terms “demonstration” and “special events” have the*
17 *meanings given those terms in section 7.96 of title 36,*
18 *Code of Federal Regulations.*

19 (2) *DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVI-*
20 *RONS.—The term “the District of Columbia and its*
21 *environs” has the meaning given that term in section*
22 *8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.*

23 (3) *GOLD STAR FAMILY.—The term “Gold Star*
24 *Family” includes any individual described in section*
25 *3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36.*

1 (4) *VETERAN.*—*The term “veteran” has the*
2 *meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title 38,*
3 *United States Code.*

4 (5) *VETERANS DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL*
5 *EVENT.*—*The term “veterans’ demonstration or spe-*
6 *cial event” means a demonstration or special event*
7 *whose primary purpose is to commemorate or honor*
8 *individuals present at the demonstration or special*
9 *event, either because of their service as veterans or*
10 *their status as a Gold Star Family.*

11 (6) *WAR MEMORIAL.*—*The term “war memorial”*
12 *means any memorial or monument which has been*
13 *erected or dedicated to commemorate a military unit,*
14 *military group, war, conflict, victory, or peace.*

15 (c) *APPLICABILITY.*—*This section shall apply to any*
16 *special use permit application submitted after the date of*
17 *the enactment of this Act.*

18 (d) *APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.*—*Permit ap-*
19 *plicants remain subject to all other laws, regulations, and*
20 *policies regarding the application, issuance and execution*
21 *of special use permits for a veterans’ demonstration or spe-*
22 *cial event at war memorials on land administered by the*
23 *National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its*
24 *environs.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans’

demonstrations and special events at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.”.

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