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H.B. No. 1561

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a waiver of certain state park fees for fifth grade
3 students.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.018, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection
7 (f) to read as follows:

8 (a) The following people may apply to the department for a
9 state parklands passport:

10 (1) a resident of this state who is 65 years old or
11 over who has resided in the state for six consecutive months
12 preceding the date of application for a parklands passport, a
13 member of the United States armed forces on active duty who is 65
14 years old or over, or any other individual in a category that the
15 commission by rule designates as a resident of this state who is 65
16 years old or over;

17 (2) a veteran of the armed services of the United
18 States who, as a result of military service, has a
19 service-connected disability, as defined by the Veterans'
20 Administration, consisting of the loss of the use of a lower
21 extremity or of a 60 percent disability rating and who is receiving
22 compensation from the United States because of the disability;
23 [~~and~~]

24 (3) an individual who has a physical or mental

1 impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life
2 activities of the individual; and

3 (4) a resident of this state who is:

4 (A) a student enrolled in the fifth grade of a
5 public or private school; or

6 (B) a home-schooled student who is 11 years of
7 age.

8 (c) The holder of a state parklands passport issued on or
9 before August 31, 1995, a person whose birth date is before
10 September 1, 1930, ~~or~~ a veteran described by Subsection (a)(2),
11 or a student described by Subsection (a)(4) is entitled to enter any
12 state park without payment of an entrance or admission fee. When a
13 fee is charged by the department for entrance of a vehicle into a
14 state park, the vehicle of the holder of a state parklands passport
15 is exempt from the fee when the holder is present.

16 (f) In this section, "home-schooled student" has the
17 meaning assigned by Section 29.916, Education Code.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.