

CHAPTER 275

AN ACT concerning admission of veterans to State parks and forests and use of State park and forest facilities by veterans' organizations, and supplementing P.L.1983, c.324 (C.13:1L-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.13:1L-12.1 Free admission for veterans to State parks, forests, certain circumstances; definitions.

1. a. The department shall not charge an admission fee for entrance into a State park or forest by any veteran during an event held by a veterans' organization. In addition, the department shall not charge a facilities fee of any kind to any veterans' organization using a State park or forest for an event.

b. As used in this section:

"Veteran" means any resident of the State who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or any honorably discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for federal veterans' benefits; and

"Veterans' organization" means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or other veterans' organizations chartered under federal law, or any service foundation of such an organization recognized in its bylaws.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 13, 2008.