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H. R. 4300

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2021

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Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. NEGUSE, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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 “Veterans in Parks
 5 (VIP) Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECREATION PASSES.**

7 Section 805 of the Federal Lands Recreation En-
 8 hancement Act (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3385; 16
 9 U.S.C. 6804) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking “age and
 11 disability discounted” and inserting “age discount
 12 and lifetime”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in the heading, by striking “DIS-
 15 COUNTED” and inserting “FREE AND DIS-
 16 COUNTED”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) in the heading, by striking “DIS-
3 ABILITY DISCOUNT” and inserting “LIFE-
4 TIME PASSES”; and

5 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(B) Any veteran who provides adequate
8 proof of military service as determined by the
9 Secretary.

10 “(C) Any member of a Gold Star Family
11 who meets the eligibility requirements of section
12 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction
13 1348.36 (or a successor instruction).”; and

14 (C) in paragraph (3)—

15 (i) in the heading, by striking “GOLD
16 STAR FAMILIES PARKS PASS” and inserting
17 “ANNUAL PASSES”; and

18 (ii) by striking “members of” and all
19 that follows through the end of the sen-
20 tence and inserting “members of the
21 Armed Forces and their dependents who
22 provide adequate proof of eligibility for
23 such pass as determined by the Sec-
24 retary.”.

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