

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 315

Introduced by Committee on Veterans Affairs

February 12, 2013

An act to amend Section 5011.5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to state parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 315, as introduced, Committee on Veterans Affairs. State parks: veteran of war: Purple Heart recipient.

Existing law requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue a park pass for use of all park facilities in the state park system to a veteran of war in which the United States has been, or may be, engaged who is a resident of this state, who presents to the department proof of a disability, proof of being held captive as a prisoner of war, or proof of being a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor, as provided.

This bill would make the recipient of a Purple Heart eligible for the pass.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5011.5 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:
3 5011.5. (a) A veteran of a war in which the United States has
4 been, or may be engaged, who is a resident of this state, upon
5 presentation to the department of proof of disability, proof of being
6 held captive as a prisoner of war, or proof of being a recipient of

1 a Congressional Medal of Honor *or a Purple Heart*, and proof of
2 an honorable discharge from service, upon application therefor,
3 shall be issued a pass entitling the bearer to the use of all facilities,
4 including boat launching facilities, in units of the state park system.

5 (b) As used in this section:

6 (1) “Veteran” means a former member of the Armed Forces of
7 the United States who has a 50 percent or greater service-connected
8 disability, or who was held as a prisoner of war by forces hostile
9 to the United States, as certified by the United States Department
10 of Veterans Affairs, and who was honorably discharged from
11 service.

12 (2) “War” means that period of time commencing when
13 Congress declares war or when the Armed Forces of the United
14 States are engaged in active military operations against a foreign
15 power, whether or not war has been formally declared, and ending
16 upon the termination of hostilities as proclaimed by the President
17 of the United States.