



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 127

Introduced by: **Senator Larson**

1 **An Act to revise the eligible disability level for veterans to receive state park**  
 2 **benefits.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 41-17-13.4 be AMENDED:**

5 **41-17-13.4.** Any ~~South Dakota~~A resident ~~who receives~~ is eligible for free  
 6 admission to any state park or recreation area, and a fifty percent discount on any camping  
 7 fee and associated electrical service fee, if the resident:

8 (1) Receives a veteran allotment for ~~a total disability which is deemed being forty~~  
 9 percent or more disabled as a result of a service-connected injury ~~or has;~~

10 (2) Has received the United States Veterans' Veterans Administration K Award; ~~any~~  
 11 ~~resident who was~~

12 (3) Was held as a prisoner of war; ~~or any resident who has served;~~ or

13 (4) Served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States ~~or as, or was~~ a  
 14 member of the armed forces reserve or the national guard who National Guard,  
 15 and is classified by the Veterans Administration as ~~totally~~ forty percent or more  
 16 disabled as a result of a ~~service-connected~~ service-connected injury ~~may obtain~~  
 17 ~~free admission to any South Dakota state park or recreation area, and any such~~  
 18 ~~person may receive a fifty percent discount on any camping fee or associated~~  
 19 ~~electrical service fee established pursuant to § 41-17-1.1 or 41-17-14.1.~~

20 AnyThe Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall issue a lifetime park entrance  
 21 license to any person who applies for and qualifies for free admission under the provisions  
 22 of this section shall be issued a lifetime park entrance license by the Department of Game,  
 23 Fish and Parks. The Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall promulgate rules pursuant to  
 24 chapter 1-26 establishing criteria and procedures for obtaining free admission and reduced  
 25 fees pursuant to this section and for the issuance of a lifetime park entrance license.