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HOUSE BILL 19-1080

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING BENEFITS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS WITH A DISABILITY.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill grants first responders with an occupational disability free lifetime small game hunting and fishing licenses and a free columbine annual pass for entrance into state parks. The bill also allows first responders with an occupational disability to be eligible to participate in a property tax work-off program established by a taxing entity.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-4-104.5 as
3 follows:

4 **33-4-104.5. Free licenses issued - first responders with a**
5 **permanent occupational disability - definition.** (1) ANY RESIDENT OF
6 THE STATE WHO IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT
7 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY MAY OBTAIN FROM THE DIVISION, FREE OF
8 CHARGE, A LIFETIME RESIDENT COMBINATION SMALL GAME HUNTING AND
9 FISHING LICENSE.

10 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FIRST RESPONDER WITH A
11 PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
12 A RESIDENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-1-102 (38), AND:

13 (a) IS A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION
14 ASSOCIATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-102 (6), WHO HAS
15 ESTABLISHED TO THE DIVISION THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE,
16 AS THE RESULT OF AN INJURY RECEIVED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL
17 DUTIES OR AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE
18 COURSE OF PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL
19 DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-801 (3.2), BY THE FIRE AND
20 POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION; OR

21 (b) SERVED AS A PEACE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
22 16-2.5-101, OR AS A FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-5-203 (10),
23 AND HAS ESTABLISHED TO THE DIVISION THAT HE OR SHE HAS, AS THE
24 RESULT OF AN INJURY RECEIVED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES OR
25 AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF
26 PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY
27 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-801 (3.2).

1 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-103.5, **add**
2 (2.5) as follows:

3 **33-12-103.5. Columbine annual pass - rules.** (2.5) ANY
4 RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT
5 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2) MAY
6 OBTAIN, FREE OF CHARGE, A COLUMBINE ANNUAL PASS FROM THE
7 REGIONAL OR THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DIVISION, OR SUCH OTHER
8 LOCATION AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-3.7-102, **amend**
10 (1) and (6) as follows:

11 **39-3.7-102. Property tax work-off program - creation - terms.**

12 (1) Any taxing entity that levies and collects real property taxes may
13 establish a property tax work-off program in accordance with ~~the~~
14 ~~provisions of this article~~ ARTICLE 3.7 that allows any taxpayer who is sixty
15 years of age or older, IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT
16 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2), or who
17 is OTHERWISE a person with a disability to perform work for the taxing
18 entity in lieu of the payment of any real property taxes, or any portion
19 thereof, due and owing on the homestead of such taxpayer for any given
20 property tax year.

21 (6) Any taxpayer who is a FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT
22 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2) OR WHO
23 IS OTHERWISE A person with a disability, and who applies to participate in
24 a property tax work-off program pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 3.7 shall,
25 upon application, submit EITHER A SIGNED AND DATED LETTER FROM THE
26 FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION VERIFYING THAT THE TAXPAYER
27 IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY or

1 a signed and dated letter from a Colorado licensed health care
2 professional verifying that the taxpayer is a person with a disability. Any
3 taxing entity that establishes a property tax work-off program pursuant to
4 ~~the provisions of this section shall have~~ HAS the authority to further define
5 the term "person with a disability" for purposes of determining eligibility
6 for the property tax work-off program. The definition may restrict, but
7 ~~shall~~ MUST not expand, the class of individuals who are eligible to
8 participate in the property tax work-off program pursuant to this section.

9 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.