A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING PARKS PASSES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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 active members of the National Guard a free eagle annual pass for entrance into state parks. The parks and wildlife commission may elect not to issue this pass if it does not receive funding from the general assembly to implement this pass.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 33-12-103.7 as follows:

33-12-103.7. Eagle annual pass - rules - definition. (1) (a) A resident who is an active member of the National Guard may obtain from a regional office or the central office of the division, or at such other locations as may be determined by the division, an eagle annual pass free of charge. The pass is valid from the date the resident obtains it through the last day of the same month in the following year. An eagle annual pass entitles the resident active member of the National Guard to enter state park and recreation areas during the period that the pass is valid and when such areas are open.

(b) The commission, by rule, shall provide the manner by which an eagle annual pass must be displayed by the person to whom it was issued when the person enters a state park or state recreation area.

(2) For purposes of this section, "active member of the National Guard" means an individual who is a resident, as defined in section 33-1-102 (38), and has presented to the division a driver's license or identification card issued under article 2 of title 42 and an original statement signed by, or by direction of, the personnel officer or commander of the individual's unit, a senior noncommissioned officer who is part of the individual's chain of command, or higher headquarters that identifies the individual and establishes that the individual is an active
MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

(3) THE CONTINUED USE OF THE EAGLE ANNUAL PASS IS SUBJECT TO THE HOLDER'S OBSERVANCE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE STATE PARK OR STATE RECREATION AREA.

(4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DIVISION TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT MAKE SUCH AN APPROPRIATION, THE COMMISSION NEED NOT OFFER AN EAGLE ANNUAL PASS UNTIL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAKES SUCH AN APPROPRIATION.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, $28,799 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by the division of parks and wildlife. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the division will require an additional 0.2 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for state park operations.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.