

## CHAPTER 204

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**MILITARY AND VETERANS**

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**HOUSE BILL 21-1116**

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also SENATOR(S) Liston and Garcia, Bridges, Buckner, Cooke, Coram, Danielson, Donovan, Fields, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hansen, Hisey, Jaquez Lewis, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Lee, Lundeen, Moreno, Pettersen, Priola, Rankin, Rodriguez, Scott, Simpson, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Story, Winter, Woodward, Zenzinger.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING ACCESS TO STATE PARKS BY PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-106, **amend** (1)(a); and **add** (1)(c) as follows:

**33-12-106. Park entrance privileges - identified veterans - wounded warriors - search and rescue organizations conducting training activities - legislative declaration - rules.** (1) (a) Any resident who displays on the resident's vehicle a Colorado disabled veteran's license plate pursuant to section 42-3-304 (3)(a) OR A PURPLE HEART SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-213 (2) must be allowed free entrance to any state park or recreation area, not to include campgrounds, on any day of the year such park or area is open. For the purpose of this section, display of such license plates entitles the disabled veteran OR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT and passengers in such DISABLED veteran's OR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT'S vehicle to enter such park or recreation area free of charge.

(c) ANY RESIDENT WHO PRESENTS THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42-3-213 (2) AT A REGIONAL OFFICE OR THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DIVISION, OR AT SUCH OTHER LOCATIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, MAY OBTAIN A TRANSFERABLE ANNUAL PARKS PASS FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DIVISION.

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

**SECTION 2. 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; 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 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 28, 2021