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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 an**
5 **occupational disability - definition.** (1) ANY RESIDENT OF THE STATE
6 WHO IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH AN OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY MAY
7 OBTAIN FROM THE DIVISION, FREE OF CHARGE, A LIFETIME RESIDENT
8 COMBINATION SMALL GAME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE.

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

12 (a) IS A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION
13 ASSOCIATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-102 (6), WHO HAS
14 ESTABLISHED TO THE DIVISION THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE
15 AN OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-801 (3), BY
16 THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION; OR

17 (b) SERVED AS A PEACE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
18 16-2.5-101, OR AS A FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-5-203 (10),
19 AND HAS ESTABLISHED TO THE DIVISION THAT HE OR SHE HAS AN
20 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-801 (3).

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-103.5, **add**
22 (2.5) as follows:

23 **33-12-103.5. Columbine annual pass - rules.** (2.5) ANY
24 RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH AN
25 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2) MAY
26 OBTAIN, FREE OF CHARGE, A COLUMBINE ANNUAL PASS FROM THE
27 REGIONAL OR THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DIVISION, OR SUCH OTHER

1 LOCATION AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION.

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

4 **39-3.7-102. Property tax work-off program - creation - terms.**

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

13 (6) Any taxpayer who is a FIRST RESPONDER WITH AN
14 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2) OR WHO
15 IS OTHERWISE A person with a disability, and who applies to participate in
16 a property tax work-off program pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 3.7 shall,
17 upon application, submit EITHER A SIGNED AND DATED LETTER FROM THE
18 FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION VERIFYING THAT THE TAXPAYER
19 IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH AN OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY or a signed and
20 dated letter from a Colorado licensed health care professional verifying
21 that the taxpayer is a person with a disability. Any taxing entity that
22 establishes a property tax work-off program pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~
23 this section ~~shall have~~ HAS the authority to further define the term "person
24 with a disability" for purposes of determining eligibility for the property
25 tax work-off program. The definition may restrict, but ~~shall~~ MUST not
26 expand, the class of individuals who are eligible to participate in the
27 property tax work-off program pursuant to this section.

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