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H. R. 1029

To Waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans' special events at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. KIND, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. STEWART, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Free Veterans from
5 Fees Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**
2 **FEE FOR VETERANS' SPECIAL EVENTS.**

3 (a) **WAIVER.**—The application fee for any special use
4 permit solely for a veterans' special event at war memo-
5 rials on land administered by the National Park Service
6 in the District of Columbia and its environs shall be
7 waived.

8 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

9 (1) **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVI-**
10 **RON.**—The term “the District of Columbia and its
11 environs” has the meaning given that term in sec-
12 tion 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

13 (2) **GOLD STAR FAMILIES.**—The term “Gold
14 Star Families” includes any individual described in
15 section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction
16 1348.36.

17 (3) **SPECIAL EVENT.**—The term “special
18 events” has the meaning given that term in section
19 7.96 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

20 (4) **VETERAN.**—The term “veteran” has the
21 meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title
22 38, United States Code.

23 (5) **VETERANS' SPECIAL EVENT.**—The term
24 “veterans' special event” means a special event of
25 which the majority of attendees are veterans or Gold
26 Star Families.

1 (6) WAR MEMORIAL.—The term “war memo-
2 rial” means any memorial or monument which has
3 been erected or dedicated to commemorate a military
4 unit, military group, war, conflict, victory, or peace.

5 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any
6 special use permit application submitted after the date of
7 the enactment of this Act.

8 (d) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.—Permit ap-
9 plicants remain subject to all other laws, regulations, and
10 policies regarding the application, issuance and execution
11 of special use permits for a veterans’ special event at war
12 memorials on land administered by the National Park
13 Service in the District of Columbia and its environs.

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