

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1029

---

## AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Free Veterans from  
3 Fees Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**  
5 **FEE FOR VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENTS.**

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

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

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

16 (2) **GOLD STAR FAMILIES.**—The term “Gold  
17 Star Families” includes any individual described in  
18 section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction  
19 1348.36.

20 (3) **SPECIAL EVENT.**—The term “special  
21 events” has the meaning given that term in section  
22 7.96 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

23 (4) **VETERAN.**—The term “veteran” has the  
24 meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title  
25 38, United States Code.

1           (5) VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENT.—The term  
2           “veterans’ special event” means a special event of  
3           which the majority of attendees are veterans or Gold  
4           Star Families.

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

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

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

          Passed the House of Representatives October 19,  
2021.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

---

---

**H. R. 1029**

**AN ACT**

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.