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S. 3240

To waive the application fee for applications for special use permits 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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. RISCH, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) MEMBER OF A GOLD STAR FAMILY.—The
4 term “member of a Gold Star Family” means any
5 individual that meets the eligibility requirements of
6 section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction
7 1348.36 (or a successor instruction).

8 (2) SPECIAL EVENTS.—The term “special
9 events” has the meaning given the term in section
10 7.96(g)(1) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations
11 (or a successor regulation).

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

16 (4) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
17 meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38,
18 United States Code.

19 (5) VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENT.—The term
20 “veterans’ special event” means a special event at
21 which the majority of attendees are veterans or
22 members of Gold Star Families.

23 (6) WAR MEMORIAL.—The term “war memo-
24 rial” means any memorial or monument that has
25 been erected or dedicated to commemorate a military
26 unit, military group, war, conflict, victory, or peace.

1 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**
2 **FEE FOR VETERANS' SPECIAL EVENTS.**

3 (a) **WAIVER.**—The application fee for any application
4 for a special use permit, the sole purpose of which is to
5 hold a veterans' special event at a war memorial on land
6 administered by the National Park Service in the District
7 of Columbia and its environs, shall be waived.

8 (b) **APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.**—Notwith-
9 standing subsection (a), an applicant for a special use per-
10 mit described in that subsection shall be subject to any
11 other law (including regulations) or policy applicable to
12 the application, issuance, or execution of the special use
13 permit.

14 (c) **APPLICABILITY.**—This section shall apply to any
15 special use permit application submitted after the date of
16 enactment of this Act.

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