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[Report No. 117-243]

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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, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **MEMBER OF A GOLD STAR FAMILY.**—The
7 term “member of a Gold Star Family” means any
8 individual that meets the eligibility requirements of
9 section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction
10 1348.36 (or a successor instruction).

11 (2) **SPECIAL EVENTS.**—The term “special
12 events” has the meaning given the term in section
13 7.96(g)(1) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations
14 (or a successor regulation).

15 (3) **THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVI-**
16 **RON.**—The term “the District of Columbia and its
17 environs” has the meaning given the term in section
18 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

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

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

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

5 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**
6 **FEE FOR VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENTS.**

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

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

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

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