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Overview

This bill exempts military personnel from the requirement to obtain a Minnesota State Park entrance permit, if they are serving in federal active military service outside Minnesota, and for 90 days immediately thereafter.

The servicemember must notify the park attendant on duty of the person's military status when using this benefit, and also must have a valid military ID in possession and must visibly affix his or her military orders to the inside of the windshield of the vehicle being used at that time.

This bill would apply to any servicemember stationed outside Minnesota on federal active service, whether the person is a member of the National Guard or reserves, or is a member any branch of the regular active military. The benefit would not be restricted to Minnesota residents.

It is expected that the primary beneficiaries of this bill would be Minnesota service members when home on leave, as well as many members of the National Guard and Reserves upon their return home from the war.

The bill has an immediate effective date.

