

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to state forests; amending s. 589.19,  
 3       F.S.; requiring the designation of "Wounded Warrior  
 4       Special Hunt Areas" within state forests; limiting guest  
 5       admittance to such areas for eligible veterans and certain  
 6       persons; authorizing the Division of Forestry of the  
 7       Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to expend  
 8       funds received from private sources for specified purposes  
 9       and adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 589.19,  
 14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15           589.19 Creation of certain state forests; naming of  
 16 certain state forests.-

17           (4) (a) The Division of Forestry shall designate one or  
 18 more areas of state forests as a "Wounded Warrior Special Hunt  
 19 Area" to honor wounded veterans of the United States Armed  
 20 Forces. The purpose of such designated areas is to provide  
 21 special outdoor recreational opportunities for eligible  
 22 veterans.

23           (b) The division shall limit guest admittance to such  
 24 designated areas to persons who:

25           1. Are veterans who served during a period of wartime  
 26 service as defined in s. 1.01(14) or peacetime service as  
 27 defined in s. 296.02; and

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28        2. Have a service-connected disability as determined by  
29 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or were  
30 discharged or released from military service because of a  
31 disability acquired or aggravated while serving on active duty.

32        (c) The division may grant admittance to such designated  
33 areas to a person who is not an eligible veteran for purposes of  
34 accompanying an eligible veteran who requires the person's  
35 assistance to use such designated areas.

36        (d) The division may receive, administer, and expend any  
37 gift, grant, or donation to fund specialized accommodations for  
38 such designated areas from any private source, including, but  
39 not limited to, Friends of Florida State Forests, Inc.

40        (e) The division may adopt rules to administer this  
41 subsection.

42        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.