

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; requiring that funding for specialized
 7 accommodations be provided through specified sources;
 8 authorizing the Division of Forestry of the Department of
 9 Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules;
 10 providing an effective date.

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

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

16 589.19 Creation of certain state forests; naming of
 17 certain state forests.—

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

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

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

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

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

37 (d) Funding required for specialized accommodations shall
38 be provided through the Friends of Florida State Forests Program
39 created under s. 589.012.

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

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