

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,  
 6       servicemembers, and certain persons; requiring that  
 7       funding for specialized accommodations be provided through  
 8       specified sources; authorizing the Division of Forestry of  
 9       the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to  
 10      adopt rules; 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 and servicemembers. The purpose  
 21 of such designated areas is to provide special outdoor  
 22 recreational opportunities for eligible veterans and  
 23 servicemembers.

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

26           1. Is an active duty member of any branch of the United  
 27 States Armed Forces and has a combat-related injury as  
 28 determined by his or her branch of the United States Armed

29 Forces; or

30 2. Is a veteran who served during a period of wartime  
 31 service as defined in s. 1.01(14) or peacetime service as  
 32 defined in s. 296.02 and:

33 a. Has a service-connected disability as determined by the  
 34 United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

35 b. Was discharged or released from military service  
 36 because of a disability acquired or aggravated while serving on  
 37 active duty.

38 (c) The division may grant admittance to such designated  
 39 areas to a person who is not an eligible veteran or  
 40 servicemember for purposes of accompanying an eligible veteran  
 41 or servicemember who requires the person's assistance to use  
 42 such designated areas.

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

46 (e) The division may adopt rules to administer this  
 47 subsection.

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