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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

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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.