

By Senator Simpson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fee and toll waivers for Purple
3 Heart recipients; amending s. 258.0145, F.S.;
4 providing that a Purple Heart recipient is eligible to
5 receive a lifetime family annual entrance pass to
6 state parks at no charge; creating s. 338.156, F.S.;
7 requiring the Department of Transportation to
8 establish a prepaid toll account for eligible Purple
9 Heart recipients; authorizing a Purple Heart recipient
10 to apply for an account; requiring an applicant to
11 provide specified documentation to the department;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 258.0145,
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 258.0145 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter state
19 park fee discounts.—The Division of Recreation and Parks shall
20 provide the following discounts on park fees to persons who
21 present written documentation satisfactory to the division which
22 evidences their eligibility for the discounts:

23 (5) Recipients of a Purple Heart shall receive lifetime
24 family annual entrance passes at no charge.

25 Section 2. Section 338.156, Florida Statutes, is created to
26 read:

27 338.156 Prepaid toll account for Purple Heart recipients.—
28 The Department of Transportation shall establish a prepaid toll
29 account to provide for the use of state-owned toll facilities by

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30 eligible Purple Heart recipients at no cost to the recipients.
31 Any resident of this state who has a valid Florida driver
32 license and who is a Purple Heart recipient may apply for a
33 prepaid toll account administered by the department. Upon
34 verification of eligibility, the department shall issue to the
35 applicant a window sticker transponder that allows the
36 recipient's vehicle to travel through any toll facility owned by
37 the state without cost to the recipient. An applicant under this
38 section must submit to the department the DD-214 form issued at
39 the time of separation from service as documentation that the
40 applicant has received a Purple Heart. If the DD-214 form is not
41 available, other documentation may be acceptable if recognized
42 by the United States Department of Defense or the United States
43 Department of Veterans Affairs as documenting the award.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.