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HOUSE BILL NO. 2518

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-3200.1, relating to disabled veterans; free entry into state museums and other cultural institutions.

Patrons—Ayala, Carr, Delaney, Fariss, Guzman, Hope, Keam, Kory, Levine, Lopez, Mullin, Reid, Rodman, Roem and Simon

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 32 of Title 23.1 a section numbered 23.1-3200.1 as follows:

§ 23.1-3200.1. Disabled Veteran's State Museum Passport established; free entry into state museums and other cultural institutions.

The Department of Veterans Services shall establish a Disabled Veteran's State Museum Passport that entitles the bearer to enter state museums and other cultural institutions established pursuant to this chapter without the payment of a parking or admission fee. The passport shall be issued upon request to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, or a reserve component thereof, including the National Guard with a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or from the military service that discharged the veteran, certifying that such veteran has a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or higher. The passport shall be valid for as long as the determination of the 50 percent or higher service-connected disability by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs remains in effect.