

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB67

House of Origin ☒ **Error! Bookmark not defined.** Introduced ☐ Substitute
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Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Campbell

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Disabled Veteran's Passport; service-connected disability.

5. **Summary:** Entitles any veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces with a service-connected disability to a Disabled Veteran's Passport for free entry into state parks and discounted services. Current law limits such passport to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will reduce state park revenues. Currently, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) offers veterans with 100 percent disability free entry into state parks and a 50 percent discount on camping, swimming, and shelter and equipment rentals. This bill would expand the current disability benefit to include all disabled veterans, not only those with 100 percent disability. At this time, the number of visitors to the park system who have a service-connected disability of less than 100 percent is not known, nor is the number of such individuals who would elect to use the passport.

However, based on data from the US Census Bureau, there are 730,215 veterans in Virginia, of which, approximately 215,000 are disabled veterans. To calculate an estimate on potential revenue loss, DCR applied the population percentage of disabled veterans of the total population to the three-year average of impacted revenue streams, with a 2 percent anticipated increase annually. As such, the potential revenue loss may range from \$289,755 in FY 2025 to \$326,311 by FY 2030.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Conservation and Recreation; Department of Veterans Services.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.