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2 Introduced by Representative Greer of Bennington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Recreation and sports; leisure time and benefits for elders; Green

6 Mountain Passport; persons with disabilities

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend

8 eligibility for the Green Mountain Passport to persons with disabilities.

9 An act relating to the Green Mountain Passport

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 31 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

12 § 1001. DEFINITIONS

13 As used in this chapter:

14 (1) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging,
15 and Independent Living established by 3 V.S.A. § 3085a.

16 (2) “Passport” means a “Green Mountain Passport” as provided by
17 section 1002 of this chapter.

18 (3) “State-sponsored public event” means all events, exhibits, concerts,
19 or museums fully supported by State funds to which the public is invited and
20 all State parks, historical sites, and State lands normally open to the public.

1 Overnight camping is excluded subject to rules adopted by the Department of
2 Forests, Parks and Recreation.

3 (4) "Medical statistics" means information as to whether the passport
4 holder has any chronic ailment or requires special medication.

5 (5) "Disability" has the same meaning as in 9 V.S.A. § 4501.

6 Sec. 2. 31 V.S.A. § 1002 is amended to read:

7 § 1002. GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT; ELIGIBILITY

8 (a) Any person is eligible to obtain a Green Mountain Passport who:

9 (1) is:

10 (A) at least 62 years of age; ~~or~~

11 (B) a veteran of the uniformed services; or

12 (C) a person with a disability; and

13 (2) is a resident of the State.

14 (b) A Green Mountain Passport application shall be issued by the clerk of
15 any town to a resident of that town who swears under oath that ~~he or she~~ the
16 resident meets the eligibility criteria established pursuant to subsection (a) of
17 this section. A fee of \$2.00 will be charged at the time of application and shall
18 be retained by the town issuing the passport. The town clerk shall issue the
19 actual passport. Records shall be maintained as prescribed by law. Statistical
20 information shall be furnished to the Commissioner upon request.

1 (c) Forms for the issuance of passports shall be prepared by the
2 Commissioner and provided in sufficient number by ~~him or her~~ the
3 Commissioner to the clerk of each town.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.