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# H. R. 3997

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

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## AN ACT

To waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Free Veterans from  
3 Fees Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**  
5 **FEE FOR VETERANS DEMONSTRATIONS AND**  
6 **SPECIAL EVENTS.**

7 (a) **WAIVER.**—The application fee for any special use  
8 permit solely for a veterans demonstration or special event  
9 at war memorials on Federal land shall be waived.

10 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

11 (1) **DEMONSTRATION; SPECIAL EVENT.**—The  
12 terms “demonstration” and “special event” have the  
13 meaning given those terms in section 7.96 of title  
14 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

15 (2) **VETERAN.**—The term “veteran” has the  
16 meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title  
17 38, United States Code.

18 (3) **VETERANS DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL**  
19 **EVENT.**—The term “veterans demonstration or spe-  
20 cial event” means a demonstration or special event  
21 whose primary purpose is to commemorate, or honor  
22 either a group of people because of their service as  
23 veterans or immediate family members of veterans.

24 (4) **WAR MEMORIAL.**—The term “war memo-  
25 rial” means any tangible object which has been  
26 erected or dedicated to commemorate—

1 (A) war, conflict, victory, or peace;

2 (B) casualties who served in, were affected  
3 by, or killed as a result of war, conflict, or  
4 peacekeeping; or

5 (C) those who died as a result of accident  
6 or disease while engaged in military service.

7 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any  
8 special use permit application submitted after the date of  
9 the enactment of this Act.

10 (d) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.—Permit ap-  
11 plicants remain subject to all other laws, regulations, and  
12 policies regarding the application, issuance and execution  
13 of special use permits for a veterans demonstration or spe-  
14 cial event at war memorials on Federal land.

Passed the House of Representatives June 5, 2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*