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**SB-1186 Fairs: free admissions.** (2023-2024)

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**Senate Bill No. 1186**

**CHAPTER 206**

An act to amend Sections 3002 and 3022 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to fairs.

[ Approved by Governor August 26, 2024. Filed with Secretary of State August 26, 2024. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1186, Ochoa Bogh. Fairs: free admissions.

(1) Existing law governs expositions and fairs in this state, including the California Exposition and State Fair, county and district fairs, and citrus fruit fairs. Existing law defines courtesy pass admission as an admission without payment of the admission charge to any state, county, district, or citrus fruit fair, except, among other things, admission of any military personnel in uniform.

This bill would expand that exception to include the admission of any military personnel, regardless whether they are in uniform.

(2) If a charge is made for admission to enter a state, county, district, or citrus fruit fair, existing law authorizes, among others, military personnel in uniform to be admitted to the fairgrounds without the payment of the established admission price.

The bill would expand that authorization to include the admission of any military personnel without payment, regardless whether they are in uniform.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 3002 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**3002.** "Courtesy pass admission" means any admission, without payment of the admission charge, to any state, county, district, or citrus fruit fair, except any of the following:

- (a) Credential admission.
- (b) Admission of any child under 12 years of age.
- (c) Admission of any military personnel.

**SEC. 2.** Section 3022 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**3022.** If a charge is made for admission to enter a state, district, county, or citrus fruit fair, the following persons may be admitted to those fairgrounds without the payment of the established admission price:

- (a) Persons with credential admissions.
- (b) Persons with courtesy pass admissions.
- (c) Military personnel.