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By House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Kretz, Blake and Moeller; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission)

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1 AN ACT Relating to park passes; and amending RCW 79A.05.065.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.065 and 1999 c 249 s 305 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1)~~(a)~~ (a) The commission shall grant to any person who meets the
6 eligibility requirements specified in this section a senior citizen's
7 pass which shall ~~((a))~~ entitle such person, and members of his or her
8 camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee
9 prescribed by the commission, and ~~((b))~~ entitle such person to free
10 admission to any state park.

11 ~~((2))~~ (b) The commission shall grant a senior citizen's pass to
12 any person who applies for the same and who meets the following
13 requirements:

14 ~~((a))~~ (i) The person is at least sixty-two years of age; and

15 ~~((b))~~ (ii) The person is a domiciliary of the state of Washington
16 and meets reasonable residency requirements prescribed by the
17 commission; and

18 ~~((c))~~ (iii) The person and his or her spouse have a combined
19 income which would qualify the person for a property tax exemption

1 pursuant to RCW 84.36.381(~~(, as now law or hereafter amended)~~). The
2 financial eligibility requirements of this (~~subparagraph (c)~~)
3 subsection (1)(b)(iii) shall apply regardless of whether the applicant
4 for a senior citizen's pass owns taxable property or has obtained or
5 applied for such property tax exemption.

6 (~~(3)~~) (c) Each senior citizen's pass granted pursuant to this
7 section is valid so long as the senior citizen meets the requirements
8 of (b)(ii) of this subsection (~~((2)(b) of this section)~~).
9 Notwithstanding, any senior citizen meeting the eligibility
10 requirements of this section may make a voluntary donation for the
11 upkeep and maintenance of state parks.

12 (~~(4)~~) (d) A holder of a senior citizen's pass shall surrender the
13 pass upon request of a commission employee when the employee has reason
14 to believe the holder fails to meet the criteria in (b) of this
15 subsection (~~((2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section)~~). The holder shall
16 have the pass returned upon providing proof to the satisfaction of the
17 director of the parks and recreation commission that the holder does
18 meet the eligibility criteria for obtaining the senior citizen's pass.

19 (~~(5)~~) (2)(a) Any resident of Washington who is disabled as
20 defined by the social security administration and who receives social
21 security benefits for that disability, or any other benefits for that
22 disability from any other governmental or nongovernmental source, or
23 who is entitled to benefits for permanent disability under RCW
24 71A.10.020(3) due to unemployability full time at the minimum wage, or
25 who is legally blind or profoundly deaf, or who has been issued a card,
26 decal, or special license plate for a permanent disability under RCW
27 46.16.381 shall be entitled to receive, regardless of age and upon
28 making application therefor, a disability pass at no cost to the
29 holder. The pass shall (~~(a)~~) entitle such person, and members of his
30 or her camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite
31 rental fee prescribed by the commission, and (~~(b)~~) entitle such
32 person to free admission to any state park.

33 (~~(6)~~) (b) A card, decal, or special license plate issued for a
34 permanent disability under RCW 46.16.381 may serve as a pass for the
35 holder to entitle that person and members of the person's camping unit
36 to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee prescribed by
37 the commission, and to allow the holder free admission to state parks.

1 ~~((7))~~ (3) Any resident of Washington who is a veteran and has a
2 service-connected disability of at least thirty percent shall be
3 entitled to receive a lifetime veteran's disability pass at no cost to
4 the holder. The pass shall: (a) Entitle such person, and members of
5 his or her camping unit, to free use of any campsite within any state
6 park; (b) entitle such person to free admission to any state park; and
7 (c) entitle such person to an exemption from any reservation fees.

8 ~~((8))~~ (4) All passes issued pursuant to this section shall be
9 valid at all parks any time during the year(~~:- PROVIDED, That~~).
10 However, the pass shall not be valid for admission to concessionaire
11 operated facilities.

12 ~~((9))~~ (5) The commission may deny or revoke any Washington state
13 park pass issued under this section for cause, including but not
14 limited to the following:

15 (a) Residency outside the state of Washington;

16 (b) Violation of laws or state park rules resulting in eviction
17 from a state park;

18 (c) Intimidating, obstructing, or assaulting a park employee or
19 park volunteer who is engaged in the performance of official duties;

20 (d) Fraudulent use of a pass;

21 (e) Providing false information or documentation in the application
22 for a state parks pass;

23 (f) Refusing to display or show the pass to park employees when
24 requested; or

25 (g) Failing to provide current eligibility information upon request
26 by the agency or when eligibility ceases or changes.

27 (6) This section shall not affect or otherwise impair the power of
28 the commission to continue or discontinue any other programs it has
29 adopted for senior citizens.

30 ~~((10))~~ (7) The commission may engage in a mutually agreed upon
31 reciprocal or discounted program for all or specific pass programs with
32 other outdoor recreation agencies.

33 (8) The commission shall adopt such rules as it finds appropriate
34 for the administration of this section. Among other things, such rules
35 shall prescribe a definition of "camping unit" which will authorize a
36 reasonable number of persons traveling with the person having a pass to
37 stay at the campsite rented by such person, a minimum Washington

1 residency requirement for applicants for a senior citizen's pass and an
2 application form to be completed by applicants for a senior citizen's
3 pass.

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