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By Senators Jacobsen, Regala and Oke; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

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1 AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permits; and  
2 amending RCW 77.32.380.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.380 and 2000 c 107 s 271 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Persons who enter upon or use clearly identified department  
7 improved access facilities with a motor vehicle may be required to  
8 display a current annual fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permit on  
9 the motor vehicle while within or while using an improved access  
10 facility. An "improved access facility" is a clearly identified area  
11 specifically created for motor vehicle parking, and includes any boat  
12 launch or boat ramp associated with the parking area, but does not  
13 include the department parking facilities at the Gorge Concert Center  
14 near George, Washington. ~~((The vehicle use permit is issued in the  
15 form of a decal.))~~ One ~~((decal))~~ vehicle use permit shall be issued at  
16 no charge with ~~((each))~~ an initial purchase of one of either an annual  
17 saltwater, freshwater, combination, small game hunting, big game  
18 hunting, ((and)) or trapping license issued by the department. The  
19 annual fee for a fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permit, if

1 purchased separately, is ten dollars. A person to whom the department  
2 has issued a ~~((decals))~~ vehicle use permit or who has purchased a  
3 vehicle use permit separately may purchase ~~((a decal))~~ additional  
4 vehicle use permits from the department ~~((for each additional vehicle~~  
5 ~~owned by the person))~~ at a cost of five dollars per ~~((decal upon a~~  
6 ~~showing of proof to the department that the person owns the additional~~  
7 ~~vehicle or vehicles))~~ vehicle use permit. Revenue derived from the  
8 sale of fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permits shall be used  
9 solely for the stewardship and maintenance of department improved  
10 access facilities.

11 Youth groups may use department improved access facilities without  
12 possessing a vehicle use permit when accompanied by a vehicle use  
13 permit holder.

14 The department may accept contributions into the state wildlife  
15 fund for the sound stewardship of fish and wildlife. Contributors  
16 shall be known as "conservation patrons" and, for contributions of  
17 twenty dollars or more, shall receive a fish and wildlife lands vehicle  
18 use permit free of charge.

19 ~~(2) ((The decal must be affixed in a permanent manner to the motor~~  
20 ~~vehicle before entering upon or using the motor vehicle on a department~~  
21 ~~improved access facility, and must be displayed on the rear window of~~  
22 ~~the motor vehicle, or, if the motor vehicle does not have a rear~~  
23 ~~window, on the rear of the motor vehicle.~~

24 ~~(3))~~ Failure to display the fish and wildlife lands vehicle use  
25 permit if required by this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84  
26 RCW, and department employees are authorized to issue a notice of  
27 infraction to the registered owner of any motor vehicle entering upon  
28 or using a department improved access facility without such a ~~((decals))~~  
29 permit. The penalty for failure to display or improper display of the  
30 ~~((decals))~~ permit is sixty-six dollars.

31 (3) The commission may adopt those rules that are necessary to  
32 implement, administer, and enforce the fish and wildlife vehicle use  
33 permit program. The rules may include methods for issuing vehicle use  
34 permits and for ensuring that vehicle use permits are properly  
35 displayed or affixed.

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