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SENATE BILL 5998

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By Senator Hargrove

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1            AN ACT Relating to the discover pass; amending RCW 79A.80.020,  
2            79A.80.040, 79A.80.080, and 79A.80.010; and creating a new section.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.020 and 2011 c 320 s 3 are each amended to read  
5            as follows:

6            (1) A discover pass is required for any motor vehicle to park or  
7            operate on any recreation site or lands, except for short-term parking  
8            as may be authorized under RCW 79A.80.070.

9            (2) The cost of the discover pass is thirty dollars (~~per motor~~  
10            ~~vehiele~~). Every four years the office of financial management must  
11            review the cost of the discover pass and, if necessary, recommend to  
12            the legislature an adjustment to the cost of the discover pass to  
13            account for inflation.

14            (3) The discover pass is valid for one year from the date of  
15            issuance.

16            (4) The discover pass must be made available for purchase  
17            throughout the year through the department of fish and wildlife's  
18            automated licensing system consistent with RCW 77.32.050.

1 (5) The discover pass must be made available for purchase through  
2 the department of licensing as provided in RCW 46.16A.090. The  
3 department of licensing, county auditor, or other agent or subagent  
4 appointed by the director, is not responsible for delivering a  
5 purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner. The agencies must  
6 deliver the purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner.

7 (6) The state parks and recreation commission may make the discover  
8 pass available for purchase through its reservation system and other  
9 outlets authorized by law to sell licenses, permits, or passes.

10 (7) The discover pass must contain space for ~~((the))~~ two motor  
11 vehicle license plate numbers. A discover pass is valid only for those  
12 vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass.

13 (8) A complimentary discover pass must be provided to a volunteer  
14 who performed twenty-four hours of service on agency-sanctioned  
15 volunteer projects in a year. The agency must provide vouchers to  
16 volunteers identifying the number of volunteer hours they have provided  
17 for each project. The vouchers may be brought to an agency to be  
18 redeemed for a discover pass.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.80.040 and 2011 c 320 s 5 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 (1) The vehicle access pass is created solely for access to the  
22 department of fish and wildlife recreation sites or lands. The vehicle  
23 access pass is only available to a person who purchases a current  
24 valid: Big game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.450; small game  
25 hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.460; western Washington pheasant  
26 permit issued under RCW 77.32.575; trapping license issued under RCW  
27 77.65.450; watchable wildlife decal issued under RCW 77.32.560; or  
28 combination, saltwater, or freshwater personal use fishing license  
29 issued under RCW 77.32.470.

30 (2) One vehicle access pass must be issued per purchase pursuant to  
31 subsection (1) of this section.

32 (3) The vehicle access pass is valid for the license year of the  
33 license it is purchased with.

34 (4) The vehicle access pass must contain space for two motor  
35 vehicle license plate numbers. A vehicle access pass is only valid for  
36 those vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    (1) A state agency may not refund money for  
2 a pass or permit purchased prior to the effective date of this section.

3        (2) Each pass or permit purchased prior to the effective date of  
4 this section is valid for two license plate numbers written on the  
5 pass.

6        (3) For the purposes of this section, "pass or permit" refers to  
7 the passes and permits defined in RCW 79A.80.010.

8        **Sec. 4.**    RCW 79A.80.080 and 2011 c 320 s 9 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10        (1) (~~the~~) A valid discover pass, (~~the~~) vehicle access pass, or  
11 (~~the~~) day-use permit must be visibly displayed in the front  
12 windshield of any motor vehicle:

13            (a) Operating on a recreation site or lands; or

14            (b) Parking at a recreation site or lands.

15        (2) The discover pass, the vehicle access pass, or the day-use  
16 permit is not required on private lands, state-owned aquatic lands  
17 other than water access areas, or at agency offices, hatcheries, or  
18 other facilities where public business is conducted.

19        (3)(a) The discover pass, the vehicle access pass, or the day-use  
20 permit is not required for persons who use, possess, or enter lands  
21 owned or managed by the agencies for purposes consistent with a written  
22 authorization from the agency, including but not limited to leases,  
23 contracts, and easements.

24        (b) The discover pass or the day-use permit is not required on  
25 department of fish and wildlife lands for persons possessing a current  
26 vehicle access pass pursuant to RCW 79A.80.040.

27        (4) Failure to comply with subsection (1) of this section is a  
28 natural resource infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW. An agency is  
29 authorized to issue a notice of infraction to any person who fails to  
30 comply with subsection (1)(a) of this section or to any motor vehicle  
31 that fails to comply with subsection (1)(b) of this section.

32        (5) The penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of this  
33 section is ninety-nine dollars. This penalty is reduced to fifty-nine  
34 dollars if an individual provides proof of purchase of the discover  
35 pass to the court within fifteen days after the issuance of the notice  
36 of violation.

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 79A.80.010 and 2011 c 320 s 2 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
4 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5       (1) "Agency" or "agencies" means the department of fish and  
6 wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the parks and  
7 recreation commission.

8       (2) "Annual natural investment permit" means the annual permit  
9 issued by the parks and recreation commission for the purpose of  
10 launching boats from the designated state parks boat launch sites.

11       (3) "Camper registration" means proof of payment of a camping fee  
12 on recreational lands managed by the parks and recreation commission.

13       (4) "Day-use permit" means the permit created in RCW 79A.80.030.

14       (5) "Discover pass" means the annual pass created in RCW  
15 79A.80.020.

16       (6) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
17 46.04.320 and which are required to be registered under chapter 46.16A  
18 RCW. "Motor vehicle" does not include those motor vehicles exempt from  
19 registration under RCW 46.16A.080 and state and publicly owned motor  
20 vehicles as provided in RCW 46.16A.170.

21       (7) "Recreation site or lands" means:

22       (a) A state park; (~~(e)~~)

23       (b) Fish and wildlife conservation sites including water access  
24 areas, boat ramps, wildlife areas, parking areas, roads, and  
25 trailheads; (~~(f)~~); or

26       (c) Department of natural resources developed (~~(or designated)~~)  
27 recreation (~~(areas)~~) sites, including campgrounds, trails and  
28 trailheads, and the associated parking areas.

29       (8) "Sno-park seasonal permit" means the seasonal permit issued by  
30 the parks and recreation commission for providing access to winter  
31 recreational facilities for the period of November 1st through March  
32 31st.

33       (9) "Vehicle access pass" means the pass created in RCW 79A.80.040.

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