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1 AN ACT Relating to creating flexibility in the state's
2 recreational fee-for-access programs to better accommodate families
3 that recreate with multiple vehicles; amending RCW 79A.80.080 and
4 79A.80.020; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.080 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 3 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1)(a) A discover pass, vehicle access pass, or day-use permit
9 must be visibly displayed in the front windshield, or otherwise in a
10 prominent location for motor vehicles without a windshield, of any
11 motor vehicle:

12 ((+a)) (i) Operating on any recreation site or lands; or

13 ((+b)) (ii) Parking at any recreation site or lands.

14 (b) If both vehicles listed on a discover pass or a vehicle
15 access pass are simultaneously accessing the same recreational site
16 or recreational land, then a discover pass or a vehicle access pass
17 only needs to be displayed on one of the two vehicles. However, the
18 owner or user of the vehicle not displaying the pass or permit must
19 be able to demonstrate on demand that a valid pass or permit is
20 present on the recreational site or recreational land.

1 (2) The discover pass, the vehicle access pass, or the day-use
2 permit is not required:

3 (a) On private lands, state-owned aquatic lands other than water
4 access areas, or at agency offices, hatcheries, or other facilities
5 where public business is conducted;

6 (b) For persons who use, possess, or enter lands owned or managed
7 by the agencies for nonrecreational purposes consistent with a
8 written authorization from the agency, including but not limited to
9 leases, contracts, and easements;

10 (c) On department of fish and wildlife lands only, for persons
11 possessing a current vehicle access pass pursuant to RCW 79A.80.040;
12 or

13 (d) When operating on a road managed by the department of natural
14 resources or the department of fish and wildlife, including a forest
15 or land management road, that is not blocked by a gate.

16 (3)(a) An agency may waive the requirements of this section for
17 any person who has secured the ability to access specific
18 recreational land through the provision of monetary consideration to
19 the agency or for any person attending an event or function that
20 required the provision of monetary compensation to the agency.

21 (b) Special events and group activities are core recreational
22 activities and major public service opportunities within state parks.
23 When waiving the requirements of this section for special events, the
24 state parks and recreation commission must consider the direct and
25 indirect costs and benefits to the state, local market rental rates,
26 the public service functions of the event sponsor, and other public
27 interest factors when setting appropriate fees for each event or
28 activity.

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

35 (5)(a) The penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of
36 this section is ninety-nine dollars.

37 (b) This penalty must be reduced to fifty-nine dollars if an
38 individual provides proof of purchase of a discover pass to the court
39 within fifteen days after the issuance of the notice of violation.

1 (c) The penalty under this subsection must be waived if an
2 individual can demonstrate that the cited vehicle's license plate was
3 identified on a valid discover pass or vehicle access pass that was
4 displayed on another vehicle simultaneously accessing the same
5 recreational site or recreational land.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.80.020 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 1 are each
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a discover pass
9 is required for any motor vehicle to:

10 (a) Park at any recreation site or lands; or

11 (b) Operate on any recreation site or lands.

12 (2) Except as provided in RCW 79A.80.110, the cost of a discover
13 pass is thirty dollars. Every four years the office of financial
14 management must review the cost of the discover pass and, if
15 necessary, recommend to the legislature an adjustment to the cost of
16 the discover pass to account for inflation.

17 (3) A discover pass is valid for one year beginning from the date
18 that the discover pass is marked for activation. The activation date
19 may differ from the purchase date pursuant to any policies developed
20 by the agencies.

21 (4) Sales of discover passes must be consistent with RCW
22 79A.80.100.

23 (5) The discover pass must contain space for two motor vehicle
24 license plate numbers. A discover pass is valid only for those
25 vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass. However, the
26 agencies (~~may~~) must offer for sale a family discover pass that is
27 fully transferable among vehicles with common family registrations
28 and does not require the placement of a license plate number on the
29 pass to be valid. The agencies must collectively set a price for the
30 sale of a family discover pass (~~that is no more than fifty dollars~~)
31 at a price point intended to at least compensate the agencies for the
32 corresponding reduction in individual discover pass sales. (~~A~~
33 ~~discover pass is valid only for use with one motor vehicle at any one~~
34 ~~time.~~)

35 (6) One complimentary discover pass must be provided to a
36 volunteer who performed twenty-four hours of service on agency-
37 sanctioned volunteer projects in a year. The agency must provide
38 vouchers to volunteers identifying the number of volunteer hours they

1 have provided for each project. The vouchers may be brought to an
2 agency to be redeemed for a discover pass.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The family discover pass required to
4 be offered under RCW 79A.80.020 must be available for purchase by
5 January 1, 2016. A report must be delivered to the legislature by the
6 agencies required to implement the family discover pass, consistent
7 with RCW 43.01.036, by January 1, 2016, that provides details as to
8 how the family discover pass will be implemented and how the final
9 price point was determined.

10 (2) This section expires June 30, 2017.

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