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**HOUSE BILL 2765**

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Kretz, Moscoso, Griffey, Hayes, and Holy

AN ACT Relating to clarifying the limited authority of park rangers; and amending RCW 79A.05.160.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 79A.05.160 and 2011 c 320 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The members of the commission and its designated employees shall be vested with police powers to enforce the laws of this state:

(a) Within the boundaries of any state park, including lands owned or managed by the commission under lease or other agreement;

(b) In winter recreation facilities established and administered by the commission pursuant to RCW 79A.05.225(1)(a);

(c) On public properties immediately surrounding the state park up to one mile from the boundary, for violations impacting park visitor safety or resource protection;

(d) Throughout the state, in response to an emergency involving an immediate threat to human life or property;

(e) In response to the request of a peace officer with enforcement authority;

(f) When in fresh pursuit, as the term "fresh pursuit" is defined in RCW 10.93.120; or

(g) Upon the prior written consent of the sheriff or chief of police within whose primary territorial jurisdiction the exercise of police powers occurs.

(2) The director may, under the provisions of RCW 7.84.140, enter into an agreement allowing employees of the department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife to enforce certain civil infractions created under this title.

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