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1 AN ACT Relating to parking fees at state parks; and amending RCW  
2 79A.05.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.070 and 2003 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The commission may:

7 (1) Make rules (~~and regulations~~) for the proper administration of  
8 its duties;

9 (2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching  
10 requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes  
11 in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests,  
12 devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes;  
13 enter into cooperative agreements with and provide for private  
14 nonprofit groups to use state park property and facilities to raise  
15 money to contribute gifts, grants, and support to the commission for  
16 the purposes of this chapter. The commission may assist the nonprofit  
17 group in a cooperative effort by providing necessary agency personnel  
18 and services, if available. However, none of the moneys raised may  
19 inure to the benefit of the nonprofit group, except in furtherance of

1 its purposes to benefit the commission as provided in this chapter.  
2 The agency and the private nonprofit group shall agree on the nature of  
3 any project to be supported by such gift or grant prior to the use of  
4 any agency property or facilities for raising money. Any such gifts  
5 may be in the form of recreational facilities developed or built in  
6 part or in whole for public use on agency property, provided that the  
7 facility is consistent with the purposes of the agency;

8 (3) Require certification by the commission of all parks and  
9 recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled  
10 programs;

11 (4) Act jointly, when advisable, with the United States, any other  
12 state agencies, institutions, departments, boards, or commissions in  
13 order to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of this chapter;

14 (5) Grant franchises and easements for any legitimate purpose on  
15 parks or parkways, for such terms and subject to such conditions and  
16 considerations as the commission shall specify;

17 (6)(a) Charge such fees for services, utilities, and use of  
18 facilities as the commission shall deem proper.

19 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this subsection, the commission may not  
20 charge a fee for the first two hours of parking in a state park;

21 (7) Enter into agreements whereby individuals or companies may rent  
22 undeveloped parks or parkway land for grazing, agricultural, or mineral  
23 development purposes upon such terms and conditions as the commission  
24 shall deem proper, for a term not to exceed forty years;

25 (8) Determine the qualifications of and employ a director of parks  
26 and recreation who shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in  
27 accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040 and determine the  
28 qualifications and salary of and employ such other persons as may be  
29 needed to carry out the provisions hereof; and

30 (9) Without being limited to the powers hereinbefore enumerated,  
31 the commission shall have such other powers as in the judgment of a  
32 majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes  
33 of this chapter: PROVIDED, That the commission shall not have power to  
34 supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds  
35 shall be made available for such purpose.

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