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1 AN ACT Relating to fossil collection on state lands; amending RCW
2 79.01.651; adding a new section to chapter 43.51 RCW; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 77.32 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.01.651 and 1987 c 20 s 15 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The department may issue permits for recreational mineral
8 prospecting in designated areas containing noneconomic mineral
9 deposits. The term of a permit shall not exceed one year. Designated
10 areas, equipment allowed, methods of prospecting, as well as other
11 appropriate permit conditions, shall be set in rules adopted by the
12 department. Fees shall be set by the board of natural resources.

13 The department may also issue permits for fossil collection in
14 designated areas managed by the department. In designing a permit
15 system, the department may distinguish between the categories of
16 recreational, scientific, and commercial fossil collecting and may
17 restrict collecting to one or more of these three categories. It is
18 unlawful to collect fossils on designated lands managed by the
19 department without a valid permit. The term of a permit shall not

1 exceed one year. Designated areas, equipment allowed, collection
2 methods, and other appropriate permit conditions shall be described in
3 rules set forth by the department. Permit fees shall be set by the
4 board of natural resources. In setting fees, the board shall
5 distinguish between fossil collection for recreational, scientific, and
6 commercial purposes. Fees charged to commercial fossil collectors
7 shall be higher than fees charged to recreational or scientific fossil
8 collectors. To insure consistency in the fossil collection programs
9 for lands managed by the state, the department and the board of natural
10 resources shall work with the state parks and recreation commission and
11 the department of wildlife in setting fees and adopting rules for
12 fossil collection permits.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.51 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The state parks and recreation commission may issue permits for
16 fossil collection in designated areas managed by the commission. In
17 designing a permit system, the commission may distinguish between the
18 categories of recreational, scientific, and commercial fossil
19 collecting and may restrict collecting to one or more of these three
20 categories. It is unlawful to collect fossils on designated lands
21 managed by the commission without a valid permit. The term of a permit
22 shall not exceed one year. Designated areas, permit fees, equipment
23 allowed, collection methods, and other appropriate permit conditions
24 shall be described in rules set forth by the commission. In setting
25 fees, the commission shall distinguish between fossil collection for
26 recreational, scientific, and commercial purposes. Fees charged to
27 commercial fossil collectors shall be higher than fees charged to
28 recreational or scientific fossil collectors. To insure consistency in
29 the fossil collection programs for lands managed by the state, the
30 commission shall work with the department of natural resources and the
31 department of wildlife in setting fees and adopting rules for fossil
32 collection permits.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 The director of the department of wildlife may issue permits for
36 fossil collection in designated areas managed by the department. In
37 designing a permit system, the director may distinguish between the

1 categories of recreational, scientific, and commercial fossil
2 collecting and may restrict collecting to one or more of these three
3 categories. It is unlawful to collect fossils on designated lands
4 managed by the department without a valid permit. The term of a permit
5 shall not exceed one year. Designated areas, permit fees, equipment
6 allowed, collection methods, and other appropriate permit conditions
7 shall be described in rules set forth by the director. In setting
8 fees, the director shall distinguish between fossil collection for
9 recreational, scientific, and commercial purposes. Fees charged to
10 commercial fossil collectors shall be higher than fees charged to
11 recreational or scientific fossil collectors. To insure consistency in
12 the fossil collection programs for lands managed by the state, the
13 director shall work with the department of natural resources and the
14 state parks and recreation commission in setting fees and adopting
15 rules for fossil collection permits.

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