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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Regala and Chandler; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicle use on department of fish and wildlife
2 lands; amending RCW 77.32.380; prescribing penalties; and providing an
3 effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.380 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 77 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Persons ((~~sixteen years of age or older~~)) who enter upon or use
8 clearly identified department ((~~lands and~~)) improved access facilities
9 with a motor vehicle are required to ((~~possess a conservation license~~
10 or a hunting, fishing, trapping, or free license on their person while
11 using the facilities)) display a current annual fish and wildlife lands
12 vehicle use permit on the motor vehicle while within or while using an
13 improved access facility. An "improved access facility" is a clearly
14 identified area specifically created for motor vehicle parking, and
15 includes any boat launch or boat ramp associated with the parking area,
16 but does not include the department parking facilities at the Gorge
17 Concert Center near George, Washington. The vehicle use permit is
18 issued in the form of a decal. One decal shall be issued at no charge
19 with each annual saltwater, freshwater, combination, small game

1 hunting, big game hunting, and trapping license issued by the
2 department. The annual fee for ((this license)) a fish and wildlife
3 lands vehicle use permit, if purchased separately, is ten dollars
4 ((annually)). Revenue derived from the sale of fish and wildlife lands
5 vehicle use permits shall be used solely for the stewardship and
6 maintenance of department improved access facilities.

7 ~~((The spouse, all children under eighteen years of age, and guests~~
8 ~~under eighteen years of age of the holder of a valid conservation~~
9 ~~license may use department lands and access facilities when accompanied~~
10 ~~by the license holder.))~~

11 Youth groups may use department ~~((lands and game))~~ improved access
12 facilities without possessing a ((conservation license)) vehicle use
13 permit when accompanied by a ((license)) vehicle use permit holder.

14 ~~((The conservation license is nontransferable and must be validated~~
15 ~~by the signature of the holder. Upon request of a wildlife agent or ex~~
16 ~~officio wildlife agent a person using clearly identified department~~
17 ~~lands shall exhibit the required license.))~~

18 (2) The decal must be affixed in a permanent manner to the motor
19 vehicle before entering upon or using the motor vehicle on a department
20 improved access facility, and must be displayed on the rear window of
21 the motor vehicle, or, if the motor vehicle does not have a rear
22 window, on the rear of the motor vehicle.

23 (3) Failure to display the fish and wildlife lands vehicle use
24 permit as required by this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84
25 RCW, and department employees are authorized to issue a notice of
26 infraction to the registered owner of any motor vehicle entering upon
27 or using a department improved access facility without such a decal.
28 The penalty for failure to display or improper display of the decal is
29 sixty-six dollars.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect January 1, 1999.

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