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HOUSE BILL 1017

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By Representatives Pennington and Mielke

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1 AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permits;  
2 and amending RCW 77.32.380.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.380 and 2000 c 107 s 271 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

1 fee for a fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permit, if purchased  
2 separately, is ten dollars. A person to whom the department has  
3 issued a decal or who has purchased a vehicle use permit  
4 separately may purchase a decal from the department for each  
5 additional vehicle owned by the person at a cost of five dollars  
6 per decal upon a showing of proof to the department that the  
7 person owns the additional vehicle or vehicles. Revenue derived  
8 from the sale of fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permits shall  
9 be used solely for the stewardship and maintenance of department  
10 improved access facilities.

11 Youth groups may use department improved access facilities  
12 without possessing a vehicle use permit when accompanied by a  
13 vehicle use permit holder.

14 The department may accept contributions into the state wildlife  
15 fund for the sound stewardship of fish and wildlife. Contributors  
16 shall be known as "conservation patrons" and, for contributions of  
17 twenty dollars or more, shall receive a fish and wildlife lands  
18 vehicle use permit free of charge.

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

24 (3) Failure to display the fish and wildlife lands vehicle use  
25 permit if required by this section is an infraction under chapter  
26 7.84 RCW, and department employees are authorized to issue a  
27 notice of infraction to the registered owner of any motor vehicle  
28 entering upon or using a department improved access facility  
29 without such a decal. The penalty for failure to display or  
30 improper display of the decal is sixty-six dollars. This penalty  
31 must be reduced to fifty-six dollars if the violator provides  
32 proof to the department that he or she purchased a decal within  
33 thirty days after receiving the notice of violation.

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