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1            AN ACT Relating to state park fees; amending RCW 79A.05.215 and  
2            79A.05.070; and adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
5            to read as follows:

6            (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, in  
7            addition to the vehicle license fees required under RCW 46.16.0621,  
8            there shall be paid and collected at the time of initial or renewal  
9            registration for each motor vehicle an additional fee of five dollars.  
10           The fee shall be deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship  
11           account established in RCW 79A.05.215 to be used for the operation and  
12           maintenance of state parks.

13           (2) A person who registers a vehicle under this section may, at the  
14           time of initial or renewal registration, certify that the person does  
15           not intend to use the vehicle to visit state parks. If a person  
16           certifies that they do not intend to use the vehicle to visit state  
17           parks, the department shall not collect the additional fee in  
18           subsection (1) of this section.

1 (3) This section applies to registrations due or to become due on  
2 or after July 1, 2006.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.05.215 and 1995 c 211 s 7 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The state parks renewal and stewardship account is created in the  
6 state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all  
7 receipts from user fees, concessions, leases, optional motor vehicle  
8 license fees under section 1 of this act, and other state park-based  
9 activities shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the  
10 account may be used for operating state parks, developing and  
11 renovating park facilities, undertaking deferred maintenance, enhancing  
12 park stewardship, and other state park purposes. Expenditures from the  
13 account may be made only after appropriation by the legislature.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79A.05.070 and 2003 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 The commission may:

17 (1) Make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its  
18 duties;

19 (2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching  
20 requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes  
21 in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests,  
22 devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes;  
23 enter into cooperative agreements with and provide for private  
24 nonprofit groups to use state park property and facilities to raise  
25 money to contribute gifts, grants, and support to the commission for  
26 the purposes of this chapter. The commission may assist the nonprofit  
27 group in a cooperative effort by providing necessary agency personnel  
28 and services, if available. However, none of the moneys raised may  
29 inure to the benefit of the nonprofit group, except in furtherance of  
30 its purposes to benefit the commission as provided in this chapter.  
31 The agency and the private nonprofit group shall agree on the nature of  
32 any project to be supported by such gift or grant prior to the use of  
33 any agency property or facilities for raising money. Any such gifts  
34 may be in the form of recreational facilities developed or built in  
35 part or in whole for public use on agency property, provided that the  
36 facility is consistent with the purposes of the agency;

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

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

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

10           (6) Charge such fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities  
11 as the commission shall deem proper. The commission may not charge  
12 fees for general park access or parking;

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

17           (8) Determine the qualifications of and employ a director of parks  
18 and recreation who shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in  
19 accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040 and determine the  
20 qualifications and salary of and employ such other persons as may be  
21 needed to carry out the provisions hereof; and

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

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