
HOUSE BILL 3276

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2008 Regular Session
By Representatives Eddy and Warnick

1 AN ACT Relating to the state horse park; amending RCW 79A.30.020;
2 and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.30.020 and 2000 c 11 s 84 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The Washington state horse park is hereby established, to be
7 located at a site approved by the commission. In approving a site for
8 the state horse park, the commission shall consider areas with large
9 blocks of land suitable for park development, the distance to various
10 population centers in the state, the ease of transportation to the site
11 for large vehicles traveling along either a north-south or an east-west
12 corridor, and other factors deemed important by the commission.

13 (2) Ownership of land for the state horse park shall be as follows:

14 (a) The commission is vested with and shall retain ownership of
15 land provided by the state for the state horse park. Any lands
16 acquired by the commission after July 23, 1995, for the state horse
17 park shall be purchased under chapter 79A.15 RCW. The legislature
18 encourages the commission to provide a long-term lease of the selected
19 property to the Washington state horse park authority at a minimal

1 charge. The lease shall contain provisions ensuring public access to
2 and use of the horse park facilities, and generally maximizing public
3 recreation opportunities at the horse park, provided that the facility
4 remains available primarily for horse-related activities.

5 (b) Land provided for the state horse park by the county or city in
6 which the park is located shall remain in the ownership of that county
7 or city unless the county or city determines otherwise. The
8 legislature encourages the county or city to provide a long-term lease
9 of selected property to the Washington state horse park authority at a
10 minimal charge.

11 (c) If the authority acquires additional lands through donations,
12 grants, or other means, or with funds generated from the operation of
13 the state horse park, the authority shall retain ownership of those
14 lands. The authority shall also retain ownership of horse park site
15 improvements paid for by or through donations or gifts to the
16 authority.

17 (3) Development, promotion, operation, management, and maintenance
18 of the state horse park is the responsibility of the authority created
19 in RCW 79A.30.030.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
23 immediately.

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