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SENATE BILL 6023

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By Senator Jacobsen

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Ocean & Recreation.

1 AN ACT Relating to accessing lands for outdoor recreation; and  
2 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 2003 c 317 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a)(i) Persons who enter upon or use clearly identified  
7 department improved access facilities with a motor vehicle may be  
8 required to display a current annual fish and wildlife lands vehicle  
9 use permit on the motor vehicle while within or while using an improved  
10 access facility.

11 (ii) Persons who enter upon or use clearly identified department  
12 improved access facilities with a motor vehicle displaying a  
13 Washington's wildlife, wild on Washington, or endangered wildlife  
14 special license plate authorized under chapter 46.16 RCW need not  
15 display a current annual fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permit on  
16 the motor vehicle.

17 (iii) An "improved access facility" is a clearly identified area  
18 specifically created for motor vehicle parking, and includes any boat

1 launch or boat ramp associated with the parking area, but does not  
2 include the department parking facilities at the Gorge Concert Center  
3 near George, Washington.

4 (b) One vehicle use permit shall be issued at no charge with an  
5 initial purchase of either an annual saltwater, freshwater,  
6 combination, small game hunting, big game hunting, or trapping license,  
7 or a watchable wildlife decal, issued by the department.

8 (c) The annual fee for a fish and wildlife lands vehicle use  
9 permit, if purchased separately, is ten dollars.

10 (d) A person to whom the department has issued a vehicle use permit  
11 or who has purchased a vehicle use permit separately may purchase  
12 additional vehicle use permits from the department at a cost of five  
13 dollars per vehicle use permit.

14 (e) Revenue derived from the sale of fish and wildlife lands  
15 vehicle use permits shall be used solely for the stewardship and  
16 maintenance of department improved access facilities.

17 (f) Youth groups may use department improved access facilities  
18 without possessing a vehicle use permit when accompanied by a vehicle  
19 use permit holder.

20 (2) The vehicle use permit must be displayed from the interior of  
21 the motor vehicle so that it is clearly visible from outside of the  
22 motor vehicle before entering upon or using the motor vehicle on a  
23 department improved access facility. The vehicle use permit can be  
24 transferred between two vehicles and must contain space for the vehicle  
25 license numbers of each vehicle.

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

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