

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6463

As of February 1, 2012

Title: An act relating to the discover pass.

Brief Description: Regarding the discover pass.

Sponsors: Senators Holmquist Newbry, King, Roach and Padden.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters: 2/02/12.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES & MARINE WATERS

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Background: Discover Pass Program Generally. During the 2011 regular session, the Legislature passed 2SSB 5622 which generally requires an annual Discover Pass or day-use permit for access to certain recreation lands managed by the State Parks & Recreation Commission (State Parks), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW).

The legislation also created the DFW Vehicle Access Pass, which is issued along with certain hunting and fishing licenses and allows access to DFW managed lands.

Non-Transferability of the Discover Pass. The 2011 legislation sets the statutory fee for a Discover Pass as per motor vehicle and requires that it contain space for the motor vehicle license plate number. In implementing the Discover Pass program, State Parks, DNR, and DFW have interpreted this language as allowing a Discover Pass to be used for a single motor vehicle.

Summary of Bill: The implication that the Discover Pass fee per motor vehicle basis is removed. The requirement that the Discover Pass contain space for the motor vehicle license plate number is also removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.