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By Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Litzow, Eide, Shin, Haugen, Rolfes, Swecker, Fain, Frockt, Hobbs, Schoesler, Fraser, Kilmer, Kohl-Welles, Chase, Hatfield, Nelson, Harper, Regala, Hargrove, Tom, Pridemore, Keiser, Conway, Kline, McAuliffe, Sheldon, Parlette, Hewitt, Honeyford, Roach, Carrell, and Pflug)

READ FIRST TIME 01/11/12.

1 AN ACT Relating to making the discover pass transferable between
2 two vehicles; amending RCW 79A.80.020 and 79A.80.040; creating a new
3 section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.020 and 2011 c 320 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A discover pass is required for any motor vehicle to park or
8 operate on any recreation site or lands, except for short-term parking
9 as may be authorized under RCW 79A.80.070.

10 (2) The cost of the discover pass is thirty dollars (~~per motor~~
11 ~~vehiele~~). Every four years the office of financial management must
12 review the cost of the discover pass and, if necessary, recommend to
13 the legislature an adjustment to the cost of the discover pass to
14 account for inflation.

15 (3) The discover pass is valid for one year from the date of
16 issuance.

17 (4) The discover pass must be made available for purchase
18 throughout the year through the department of fish and wildlife's
19 automated licensing system consistent with RCW 77.32.050.

1 (5) The discover pass must be made available for purchase through
2 the department of licensing as provided in RCW 46.16A.090. The
3 department of licensing, county auditor, or other agent or subagent
4 appointed by the director, is not responsible for delivering a
5 purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner. The agencies must
6 deliver the purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner.

7 (6) The state parks and recreation commission may make the discover
8 pass available for purchase through its reservation system and other
9 outlets authorized by law to sell licenses, permits, or passes.

10 (7) The discover pass must contain space for ~~((the))~~ two motor
11 vehicle license plate numbers. A discover pass is valid only for those
12 vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass.

13 (8) A complimentary discover pass must be provided to a volunteer
14 who performed twenty-four hours of service on agency-sanctioned
15 volunteer projects in a year. The agency must provide vouchers to
16 volunteers identifying the number of volunteer hours they have provided
17 for each project. The vouchers may be brought to an agency to be
18 redeemed for a discover pass.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.80.040 and 2011 c 320 s 5 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) The vehicle access pass is created solely for access to the
22 department of fish and wildlife recreation sites or lands. The vehicle
23 access pass is only available to a person who purchases a current
24 valid: Big game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.450; small game
25 hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.460; western Washington pheasant
26 permit issued under RCW 77.32.575; trapping license issued under RCW
27 77.65.450; watchable wildlife decal issued under RCW 77.32.560; or
28 combination, saltwater, or freshwater personal use fishing license
29 issued under RCW 77.32.470.

30 (2) One vehicle access pass must be issued per purchase pursuant to
31 subsection (1) of this section.

32 (3) The vehicle access pass is valid for the license year of the
33 license it is purchased with.

34 (4) The vehicle access pass must contain space for two motor
35 vehicle license plate numbers. A vehicle access pass is only valid for
36 those vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A state agency may not refund money for
2 a discover pass or vehicle access pass issued prior to the effective
3 date of this section.

4 (2) Each discover pass or vehicle access pass issued prior to the
5 effective date of this section is valid for two license plate numbers
6 written on the pass.

7 (3) For the purposes of this section, the terms "discover pass" and
8 "vehicle access pass" have the same meanings provided under RCW
9 79A.80.010.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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