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SENATE BILL 6590

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the discover pass program; amending RCW  
2 79A.80.020, 79A.80.040, 79A.80.090, and 79A.05.215; 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)(a) The state parks and recreation commission may make the  
8 discover pass available for purchase through its reservation system and  
9 other outlets authorized by law to sell licenses, permits, or passes.

10 (b) If the discover pass is made available for sale at a state  
11 park, the park manager may, at the park manager's discretion, impose a  
12 surcharge of five dollars in addition to the fee specified in  
13 subsection (2) of this section on all discover passes sold at that  
14 park. The state parks and recreation commission shall maintain a  
15 record of surcharge proceeds collected by a park.

16 (7) The discover pass must contain space for ((the)) two motor  
17 vehicle license plate numbers. A discover pass is valid only for those  
18 vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass.

19 (8) A complimentary discover pass must be provided to a volunteer  
20 who performed twenty-four hours of service on agency-sanctioned  
21 volunteer projects in a year. The agency must provide vouchers to  
22 volunteers identifying the number of volunteer hours they have provided  
23 for each project. The vouchers may be brought to an agency to be  
24 redeemed for a discover pass.

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

27 (1) The vehicle access pass is created solely for access to the  
28 department of fish and wildlife recreation sites or lands. The vehicle  
29 access pass is only available to a person who purchases a current  
30 valid: Big game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.450; small game  
31 hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.460; western Washington pheasant  
32 permit issued under RCW 77.32.575; trapping license issued under RCW  
33 77.65.450; watchable wildlife decal issued under RCW 77.32.560; or  
34 combination, saltwater, or freshwater personal use fishing license  
35 issued under RCW 77.32.470.

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

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

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

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

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

12 (3) For the purposes of this section, the terms "discover pass" and  
13 "vehicle access pass" have the same meanings as provided under RCW  
14 79A.80.010.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 79A.80.090 and 2011 c 320 s 10 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (1) The recreation access pass account is created in the state  
18 treasury. Except for moneys received under RCW 79A.80.020(6)(b), all  
19 moneys received from the sale of discover passes and day-use permits  
20 must be deposited into the account.

21 (2) Each fiscal biennium, the first seventy-one million dollars in  
22 revenue must be distributed to the agencies in the following manner:

23 (a) Eight percent to the department of fish and wildlife and  
24 deposited into the state wildlife account created in RCW 77.12.170;

25 (b) Eight percent to the department of natural resources and  
26 deposited into the park land trust revolving fund created in RCW  
27 43.30.385; and

28 (c) Eighty-four percent to the state parks and recreation  
29 commission and deposited into the state parks renewal and stewardship  
30 account created in RCW 79A.05.215.

31 (3) Each fiscal biennium, revenues in excess of seventy-one million  
32 dollars must be distributed equally among the agencies to the accounts  
33 identified in subsection (2) of this section.

34 (4) All moneys received under RCW 79A.80.020(6)(b) must be  
35 deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship account created in  
36 RCW 79A.05.215.

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 79A.05.215 and 2011 c 320 s 22 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The state parks renewal and stewardship account is created in the  
4 state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all  
5 receipts from user fees, concessions, leases, donations collected under  
6 RCW 46.16A.090(3), and other state park-based activities shall be  
7 deposited into the account. The proceeds from the recreation access  
8 pass account created in RCW 79A.80.090 must be used for the purpose of  
9 operating and maintaining state parks. Any proceeds received under RCW  
10 79A.80.020(6)(b) must be used for the purpose of operating and  
11 maintaining the state park from which the proceeds were collected.  
12 Expenditures from the account may be used for operating state parks,  
13 developing and renovating park facilities, undertaking deferred  
14 maintenance, enhancing park stewardship, and other state park purposes.  
15 Expenditures from the account may be made only after appropriation by  
16 the legislature.

17       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are  
18 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
19 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public  
20 institutions, and take effect immediately.

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