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By Senators Hargrove, Hatfield, Ranker, Hobbs, Sheldon, and Schoesler

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1            AN ACT Relating to the discover pass; amending RCW 79A.80.020 and  
2            79A.80.080; and adding a new section to chapter 79A.80 RCW.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.020 and 2012 c 261 s 2 are each amended to read  
5            as follows:

6            (1) Except as otherwise provided in RCW 79A.80.050, 79A.80.060, and  
7            79A.80.070, a discover pass is required for any motor vehicle to:

8            (a) Park ((~~or operate on~~)) at any recreation site or lands, except  
9            for short-term parking as may be authorized under RCW 79A.80.070; or

10            (b) Operate on any recreation site or lands.

11            (2) Except as provided under section 3 of this act, the cost of a  
12            discover pass is thirty dollars. Every four years the office of  
13            financial management must review the cost of the discover pass and, if  
14            necessary, recommend to the legislature an adjustment to the cost of  
15            the discover pass to account for inflation.

16            (3) A discover pass is valid for one year beginning from the date  
17            that the discover pass is marked for activation. The activation date  
18            may differ from the purchase date pursuant to any policies developed by  
19            the agencies.

1 (4) Sales of discover passes must be consistent with RCW  
2 79A.80.100.

3 (5) The discover pass must contain space for two motor vehicle  
4 license plate numbers. A discover pass is valid only for those vehicle  
5 license plate numbers written on the pass. However, the agencies may  
6 offer for sale a family discover pass that is fully transferable among  
7 vehicles and does not require the placement of a license plate number  
8 on the pass to be valid. The agencies must collectively set a price  
9 for the sale of a family discover pass that is no more than fifty  
10 dollars. A discover pass is valid only for use with one motor vehicle  
11 at any one time.

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

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.80.080 and 2012 c 261 s 7 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 (1) A discover pass, vehicle access pass, or day-use permit must be  
21 visibly displayed in the front windshield, or otherwise in a prominent  
22 location for motor vehicles without a windshield, of any motor vehicle  
23 (~~or otherwise in a prominent location for vehicles without a~~  
24 ~~windshield~~)):

- 25 (a) Operating on ((a)) any recreation site or lands; or
- 26 (b) Parking at ((a)) any recreation site or lands.

27 (2) The discover pass, the vehicle access pass, or the day-use  
28 permit is not required:

29 (a) On private lands, state-owned aquatic lands other than water  
30 access areas, or at agency offices, hatcheries, or other facilities  
31 where public business is conducted(~~-~~

32 ~~(3) The discover pass, the vehicle access pass, or the day use~~  
33 ~~permit is not required for:~~

- 34 ~~(a))~~);
- 35 (b) For persons who use, possess, or enter lands owned or managed  
36 by the agencies for nonrecreational purposes consistent with a written

1 authorization from the agency, including but not limited to leases,  
2 contracts, and easements; (~~or~~

3 ~~(b))~~ (c) On department of fish and wildlife lands only, for  
4 persons possessing a current vehicle access pass pursuant to RCW  
5 79A.80.040; or

6 (d) When operating on an agency managed road, including a forest or  
7 land management road, that is not blocked by a gate.

8 (4)(a) An agency may waive the requirements of this section for any  
9 person who has secured the ability to access specific recreational land  
10 through the provision of monetary consideration to the agency or for  
11 any person attending an event or function that required the provision  
12 of monetary compensation to the agency.

13 (b) Special events and group activities are core recreational  
14 activities and major public service opportunities within state parks.  
15 When waiving the requirements of this section for special events, the  
16 state parks and recreation commission must consider the direct and  
17 indirect costs and benefits to the state, local market rental rates,  
18 the public service functions of the event sponsor, and other public  
19 interest factors when setting appropriate fees for each event or  
20 activity.

21 (5) Failure to comply with subsection (1) of this section is a  
22 natural resource infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW. An agency is  
23 authorized to issue a notice of infraction to any person who fails to  
24 comply with subsection (1)(a) of this section or to any motor vehicle  
25 that fails to comply with subsection (1)(b) of this section.

26 (6) The penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of this  
27 section is ninety-nine dollars. This penalty must be reduced to fifty-  
28 nine dollars if an individual provides proof of purchase of a discover  
29 pass to the court within fifteen days after the issuance of the notice  
30 of violation.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 79A.80 RCW  
32 to read as follows:

33 (1) The cost of a discover pass is twenty dollars when purchased  
34 during the same transaction as the purchase of one or more of the  
35 following:

36 (a) A big game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.450;

37 (b) A small game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.460;

1 (c) A western Washington pheasant permit issued under RCW  
2 77.32.575;

3 (d) A trapping license issued under RCW 77.65.450;

4 (e) A watchable wildlife decal issued under RCW 77.32.560; or

5 (f) A combination, saltwater, or freshwater personal use fishing  
6 license issued under RCW 77.32.470.

7 (2) Only one discounted discover pass may be issued per  
8 transaction. Additional discover passes, as well as discover passes  
9 and day-use permits sold to an individual purchasing an item other than  
10 those identified in subsection (1) of this section, may be purchased  
11 for the amount established under RCW 79A.80.020.

12 (3) The fees collected for discover passes purchased under this  
13 section must be deposited in the recreation access pass account created  
14 under RCW 79A.80.090.

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