
SENATE BILL 6378

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By Senator Ranker

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1 AN ACT Relating to penalties associated with a recreational pass or
2 permit; amending RCW 79A.80.080; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.080 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 3 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) A discover pass, vehicle access pass, or day-use permit must be
7 visibly displayed in the front windshield, or otherwise in a prominent
8 location for motor vehicles without a windshield, of any motor vehicle:

9 (a) Operating on any recreation site or lands; or

10 (b) Parking at any recreation site or lands.

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

13 (a) On private lands, state-owned aquatic lands other than water
14 access areas, or at agency offices, hatcheries, or other facilities
15 where public business is conducted;

16 (b) For persons who use, possess, or enter lands owned or managed
17 by the agencies for nonrecreational purposes consistent with a written
18 authorization from the agency, including but not limited to leases,
19 contracts, and easements;

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

3 (d) When operating on a road managed by the department of natural
4 resources or the department of fish and wildlife, including a forest or
5 land management road, that is not blocked by a gate.

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

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

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

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

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