
Environment Committee

SB 5205

Brief Description: Allowing spouses to combine volunteer hours for purposes of receiving a complimentary discover pass.

Sponsors: Senators Becker, Parlette and Warnick.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a married couple to combine their volunteer service hours in order to meet the 24 hours of volunteer time required to earn a complimentary Discover Pass.

Hearing Date: 3/17/15

Staff: Jason Callahan (786-7117).

Background:

A public access pass is required to be displayed on any vehicle accessing a state park or recreational lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources or the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). The pass must either be a Discover Pass or a Vehicle Access Pass. A Discover Pass costs \$30 for an annual pass or \$10 for a day-use pass. The Vehicle Access Pass is available free of charge to anyone who purchases certain hunting or fishing licenses and only allows access to lands managed by the DFW. All public access passes must display the license plate number of the vehicle accessing the recreational land.

One free Discover Pass can be earned by any person who performs at least 24 hours of volunteer service that benefits state recreational lands. The volunteer service must be sanctioned by one of the agencies.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

A married couple may count the combined volunteer service hours of each individual towards the 24 hours required to earn a complementary Discover Pass.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.