
HOUSE BILL 2765

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By Representatives Kretz, Moscoso, Griffey, Hayes, and Holy

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the limited authority of park
2 rangers; and amending RCW 79A.05.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.160 and 2011 c 320 s 15 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The members of the commission and its designated employees
7 shall be vested with police powers to enforce the laws of this state:

8 (a) Within the boundaries of any state park, including lands
9 owned or managed by the commission under lease or other agreement;

10 (b) In winter recreation facilities established and administered
11 by the commission pursuant to RCW 79A.05.225(1)(a);

12 (c) On public properties immediately surrounding the state park
13 up to one mile from the boundary, for violations impacting park
14 visitor safety or resource protection;

15 (d) Throughout the state, in response to an emergency involving
16 an immediate threat to human life or property;

17 (e) In response to the request of a peace officer with
18 enforcement authority;

19 (f) When in fresh pursuit, as the term "fresh pursuit" is defined
20 in RCW 10.93.120; or

1 (g) Upon the prior written consent of the sheriff or chief of
2 police within whose primary territorial jurisdiction the exercise of
3 police powers occurs.

4 (2) The director may, under the provisions of RCW 7.84.140, enter
5 into an agreement allowing employees of the department of natural
6 resources and the department of fish and wildlife to enforce certain
7 civil infractions created under this title.

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