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1 AN ACT Relating to discover passes for state and national guard  
2 members; and amending RCW 79A.80.020 and 79A.80.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.020 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 1 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a discover pass  
7 is required for any motor vehicle to:

8 (a) Park at any recreation site or lands; or

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

10 (2) Except as provided in RCW 79A.80.110, the cost of a discover  
11 pass is thirty dollars. Every four years the office of financial  
12 management must review the cost of the discover pass and, if  
13 necessary, recommend to the legislature an adjustment to the cost of  
14 the discover pass to account for inflation.

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

19 (4) Sales of discover passes must be consistent with RCW  
20 79A.80.100.

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

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

16 (7) Upon request, an agency must provide one complimentary  
17 discover pass per year to a resident that is a member of the state  
18 guard or national guard, as those terms are defined in RCW 38.04.010,  
19 as long as the state guard or national guard member is:

20 (a) An active full-time state guard or national guard employee;  
21 or

22 (b) A state guard or national guard member whose status requires  
23 the state guard or national guard member to participate in drill  
24 training on a part-time basis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (b) For persons who use, possess, or enter lands owned or managed  
39 by the agencies for nonrecreational purposes consistent with a

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (5) The penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of  
28 this section is ninety-nine dollars. This penalty must be reduced to  
29 fifty-nine dollars if an individual:

30 (a) Provides proof of purchase of a discover pass to the court  
31 within fifteen days after the issuance of the notice of violation; or

32 (b) Provides proof to the court within fifteen days after the  
33 issuance of the notice of violation that a complimentary discover  
34 pass was provided to the individual by an agency pursuant to RCW  
35 79A.80.020(7).

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