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By Representatives Blake, Buys, Kirby, Reeves, Stanford, and Chapman

1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing recreational opportunities for
2 veterans with disabilities; and amending RCW 79A.80.020, 79A.80.080,
3 and 77.32.480.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (2) Except as provided in RCW 79A.80.110, the cost of a discover
12 pass is thirty dollars. Every four years the office of financial
13 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
19 by the agencies.

20 (4) Sales of discover passes must be consistent with RCW
21 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 to an agency, one complimentary discover pass
17 must be provided each year to any Washington resident who is a
18 veteran of the United States armed forces and has a documented
19 service-connected disability of one hundred percent. The agency must
20 require verification of the requester's disability rating.

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (b) For persons who use, possess, or enter lands owned or managed
35 by the agencies for nonrecreational purposes consistent with a
36 written authorization from the agency, including but not limited to
37 leases, 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;
3 or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.480 and 2016 c 78 s 1 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 (1) Upon written application, a combination fishing license shall
37 be issued at the reduced rate of five dollars and all hunting
38 licenses shall be issued at the reduced rate of a youth hunting
39 license fee for the following individuals:

1 (a) A resident sixty-five years old or older who is an honorably
2 discharged veteran of the United States armed forces having a
3 service-connected disability of less than one hundred percent;

4 (b) A resident who is an honorably discharged veteran of the
5 United States armed forces with a (~~thirty percent or more~~) service-
6 connected disability of at least thirty percent, but less than one
7 hundred percent;

8 (c) A resident with a disability who permanently uses a
9 wheelchair;

10 (d) A resident who is blind or visually impaired; and

11 (e) A resident with a developmental disability as defined in RCW
12 71A.10.020 with documentation of the disability certified by a
13 physician licensed to practice in this state.

14 (2) Upon department verification of eligibility, a nonstate
15 resident veteran with a disability who otherwise satisfies the
16 criteria of subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section, or who has a
17 service-connected disability of one hundred percent, must be issued a
18 combination fishing license or any hunting license at the same cost
19 charged to a nondisabled Washington resident for the same license.

20 (3) Upon written application and department verification, the
21 following recreational hunting licenses must be issued at no cost to
22 a resident member of the state guard or national guard, as defined in
23 RCW 38.04.010, as long as the state guard or national guard member
24 is: An active full-time state guard or national guard employee; or a
25 state guard or national guard member whose status requires the state
26 guard or national guard member to participate in drill training on a
27 part-time basis:

28 (a) A small game hunting license under RCW 77.32.460(1);

29 (b) A supplemental migratory bird permit under RCW 77.32.350; and

30 (c) A big game hunting license under RCW 77.32.450 (1) and (2).

31 (4) Upon written application and department verification, a state
32 resident veteran of the United States armed forces with a service-
33 connected disability of one hundred percent must be issued a
34 combination fishing license or any hunting license at no cost.

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