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1            AN ACT Relating to making the discover pass transferable between  
2 two vehicles; amending RCW 79A.80.020 and 79A.80.040; creating a new  
3 section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.020 and 2011 c 320 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) A discover pass is required for any motor vehicle to park or  
8 operate on any recreation site or lands, except for short-term parking  
9 as may be authorized under RCW 79A.80.070.

10           (2) The cost of the discover pass is thirty dollars (~~per motor~~  
11 ~~vehiele~~). Every four years the office of financial management must  
12 review the cost of the discover pass and, if necessary, recommend to  
13 the legislature an adjustment to the cost of the discover pass to  
14 account for inflation.

15           (3) The discover pass is valid for one year from the date of  
16 issuance.

17           (4) The discover pass must be made available for purchase  
18 throughout the year through the department of fish and wildlife's  
19 automated licensing system consistent with RCW 77.32.050.

1 (5) The discover pass must be made available for purchase through  
2 the department of licensing as provided in RCW 46.16A.090. The  
3 department of licensing, county auditor, or other agent or subagent  
4 appointed by the director, is not responsible for delivering a  
5 purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner. The agencies must  
6 deliver the purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner.

7 (6) The state parks and recreation commission may make the discover  
8 pass available for purchase through its reservation system and other  
9 outlets authorized by law to sell licenses, permits, or passes.

10 (7) The discover pass must contain space for ~~((the))~~ two motor  
11 vehicle license plate numbers. A discover pass is valid only for those  
12 vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass.

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

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.80.040 and 2011 c 320 s 5 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 (1) The vehicle access pass is created solely for access to the  
22 department of fish and wildlife recreation sites or lands. The vehicle  
23 access pass is only available to a person who purchases a current  
24 valid: Big game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.450; small game  
25 hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.460; western Washington pheasant  
26 permit issued under RCW 77.32.575; trapping license issued under RCW  
27 77.65.450; watchable wildlife decal issued under RCW 77.32.560; or  
28 combination, saltwater, or freshwater personal use fishing license  
29 issued under RCW 77.32.470.

30 (2) One vehicle access pass must be issued per purchase pursuant to  
31 subsection (1) of this section.

32 (3) The vehicle access pass is valid for the license year of the  
33 license it is purchased with.

34 (4) The vehicle access pass must contain space for two motor  
35 vehicle license plate numbers. A vehicle access pass is only valid for  
36 those vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    (1) A state agency may not refund money for  
2 a pass or permit purchased prior to the effective date of this section.

3        (2) Each pass or permit purchased prior to the effective date of  
4 this section is valid for two license plate numbers written on the  
5 pass.

6        (3) For the purposes of this section, "pass or permit" refers to  
7 the passes and permits defined in RCW 79A.80.010.

8        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
11 immediately.

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