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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a state park foster home pass; and
2 amending RCW 79A.05.065.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.065 and 1999 c 249 s 305 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) The commission shall grant to any person who meets the
7 eligibility requirements specified in this section a senior citizen's
8 pass which shall ~~((a))~~: (i) Entitle such a person, and members of
9 his or her camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite
10 rental fee prescribed by the commission~~((r))~~; and ~~((b))~~ (ii) entitle
11 such a person to free admission to any state park.

12 ~~((2))~~ (b) The commission shall grant a senior citizen's pass to
13 any person who applies for the ~~((same))~~ senior citizen's pass and who
14 meets the following requirements:

15 ~~((a))~~ (i) The person is at least sixty-two years of age; ~~((and~~
16 ~~(b))~~ (ii) The person is a domiciliary of the state of Washington
17 and meets reasonable residency requirements prescribed by the
18 commission; and

1 ~~((c))~~ (iii) The person and his or her spouse have a combined
2 income ~~((which))~~ that would qualify the person for a property tax
3 exemption pursuant to RCW 84.36.381~~((, as now law or hereafter~~
4 ~~amended))~~. The financial eligibility requirements of this
5 ~~((subparagraph (c) shall))~~ subsection (1)(b)(iii) apply regardless of
6 whether the applicant for a senior citizen's pass owns taxable property
7 or has obtained or applied for such a property tax exemption.

8 ~~((3))~~ (c) Each senior citizen's pass granted pursuant to this
9 section is valid ~~((so))~~ as long as the senior citizen meets the
10 requirements of (b)(ii) of this subsection ~~((2)(b) of this section.~~
11 ~~Notwithstanding, any))~~. A senior citizen meeting the eligibility
12 requirements of this section may make a voluntary donation for the
13 upkeep and maintenance of state parks.

14 ~~((4))~~ (d) A holder of a senior citizen's pass shall surrender the
15 pass upon request of a commission employee when the employee has reason
16 to believe the holder fails to meet the criteria in (b)(i), (ii), or
17 (iii) of this subsection ~~((2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section))~~. The
18 holder shall have the pass returned upon providing proof to the
19 satisfaction of the director ~~((of the parks and recreation commission))~~
20 that the holder ~~((does))~~ meets the eligibility criteria for obtaining
21 the senior citizen's pass.

22 ~~((5))~~ (2)(a) Any resident of Washington who is disabled as
23 defined by the social security administration and who receives social
24 security benefits for that disability, or any other benefits for that
25 disability from any other governmental or nongovernmental source, or
26 who is entitled to benefits for permanent disability under RCW
27 71A.10.020(3) due to unemployability full time at the minimum wage, or
28 who is legally blind or profoundly deaf, or who has been issued a card,
29 decal, or special license plate for a permanent disability under RCW
30 46.16.381 shall be entitled to receive, regardless of age and upon
31 making application therefor, a disability pass at no cost to the
32 holder. The pass shall ~~((a))~~: (i) Entitle such a person, and
33 members of his or her camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the
34 campsite rental fee prescribed by the commission~~((7))~~; and ~~((b))~~ (ii)
35 entitle such a person to free admission to any state park.

36 ~~((6))~~ (b) A card, decal, or special license plate issued for a
37 permanent disability under RCW 46.16.381 may serve as a pass for the

1 holder to entitle that person and members of the person's camping unit
2 to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee prescribed by
3 the commission, and to allow the holder free admission to state parks.

4 ~~((+7))~~ (3) Any resident of Washington who is a veteran and has a
5 service-connected disability of at least thirty percent shall be
6 entitled to receive a lifetime veteran's disability pass at no cost to
7 the holder. The pass shall: (a) Entitle such a person, and members of
8 his or her camping unit, to free use of any campsite within any state
9 park; (b) entitle such a person to free admission to any state park;
10 and (c) entitle such a person to an exemption from any reservation
11 fees.

12 ~~((+8))~~ (4)(a) Any Washington state resident who provides out-of-
13 home care to a child, as either a licensed foster family home or a
14 person related to the child, is entitled to a foster home pass.

15 (b) An applicant for a foster home pass must request a pass in the
16 manner required by the commission. Upon receipt of a properly
17 submitted request, the commission shall verify with the department of
18 social and health services that the applicant qualifies under (a) of
19 this subsection. Once issued, a foster home pass is valid for the
20 period, which may not be less than one year, designated by the
21 commission.

22 (c) When accompanied by a child receiving out-of-home care from the
23 pass holder, a foster home pass: (i) Entitles such a person, and
24 members of his or her camping unit, to free use of any campsite within
25 any state park; and (ii) entitles such a person to free admission to
26 any state park.

27 (d) For the purposes of this subsection (4):

28 (i) "Out-of-home care" means placement in a foster family home or
29 with a person related to the child under the authority of chapter
30 13.32A, 13.34, or 74.13 RCW;

31 (ii) "Foster family home" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
32 74.15.020; and

33 (iii) "Person related to the child" means those persons referred to
34 in RCW 74.15.020(2)(a) (i) through (v).

35 (5) All passes issued pursuant to this section (~~shall be~~) are
36 valid at all parks any time during the year(~~—PROVIDED, That~~).
37 However, the pass (~~shall~~) is not (~~be~~) valid for admission to
38 concessionaire operated facilities.

1 (~~(9)~~) (6) This section shall not affect or otherwise impair the
2 power of the commission to continue or discontinue any other programs
3 it has adopted for senior citizens.

4 (~~(10)~~) (7) The commission shall adopt (~~such~~) those rules as it
5 finds appropriate for the administration of this section. Among other
6 things, (~~such~~) the rules shall prescribe a definition of "camping
7 unit" which will authorize a reasonable number of persons traveling
8 with the person having a pass to stay at the campsite rented by such a
9 person, a minimum Washington residency requirement for applicants for
10 a senior citizen's pass, and an application form to be completed by
11 applicants for a senior citizen's pass.

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