
HOUSE BILL 1346

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing additional hunting opportunities on
2 state land; and amending RCW 79A.05.055, 79A.05.625, 79A.05.793,
3 79A.55.060, and 79A.05.165.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.055 and 1997 c 137 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The commission may:

8 (1) Study and appraise parks and recreational needs of the state
9 and assemble and disseminate information relative to parks and
10 recreation;

11 (2) Make provisions for the publication and sale of interpretive,
12 recreational, and historical materials and literature(~~(-)~~), with the
13 proceeds from ((such)) sales ((shall-be)) directed to the parks
14 improvement account created in RCW 79A.05.060; ((and))

15 (3) Coordinate the parks and recreational functions of the
16 various state departments, and cooperate with state and federal
17 agencies in the promotion of parks and recreational opportunities;
18 and

19 (4) Expressly authorize hunting in specific state parks or
20 specific portions of state parks as long as all hunting activities
21 are conducted consistent with Title 77 RCW.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.05.625 and 2000 c 11 s 49 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Nothing in RCW 79A.05.600 through (~~79A.05.630 and 79A.05.635~~
4 ~~through~~) 79A.05.695 shall be construed to interfere with the powers,
5 duties, and authority of the department of fish and wildlife to
6 regulate the conservation or taking of food fish and shellfish. Nor
7 shall anything in RCW 79A.05.600 through (~~79A.05.630 and 79A.05.635~~
8 ~~through~~) 79A.05.695 be construed to interfere with the powers,
9 duties, and authority of the department of fish and wildlife to
10 regulate, manage, conserve, and provide for the harvest of wildlife
11 within such area(~~:- PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That~~). However, no hunting
12 shall be permitted in any state park except where expressly
13 authorized by the commission.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79A.05.793 and 2000 c 11 s 64 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Nothing in RCW 79A.05.750 through 79A.05.795 shall be construed
17 to interfere with the powers, duties, and authority of the state
18 department of fish and wildlife or the state fish and wildlife
19 commission to regulate, manage, conserve, and provide for the harvest
20 of wildlife within such area(~~:- PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That~~). However,
21 no hunting shall be permitted in any state park except where
22 expressly authorized by the commission.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 79A.55.060 and 1999 c 249 s 805 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Nothing contained in this chapter shall affect the authority of
26 the department of fish and wildlife to construct facilities or make
27 improvements to facilitate the passage or propagation of fish nor
28 shall anything in this chapter be construed to interfere with the
29 powers, duties, and authority of the department of fish and wildlife
30 to regulate, manage, conserve, and provide for the harvest of fish or
31 wildlife within any area designated as being in the state's scenic
32 river system. No hunting shall be permitted in any state park except
33 where expressly authorized by the commission.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 79A.05.165 and 2007 c 441 s 2 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who:

1 (a) Cuts, breaks, injures, destroys, takes, or removes any tree,
2 shrub, timber, plant, or natural object in any park or parkway except
3 in accordance with such rules as the commission may prescribe; or

4 (b) Kills, or pursues with intent to kill, any bird or animal in
5 any park or parkway except:

6 (i) In accordance with a research pass, permit, or other approval
7 issued by the commission, pursuant to rule, for scientific research
8 purposes; or

9 (ii) Where expressly authorized by the commission; or

10 (c) Takes any fish from the waters of any park or parkway, except
11 in conformity with such general rules as the commission may
12 prescribe; or

13 (d) Willfully mutilates, injures, defaces, or destroys any
14 guidepost, notice, tablet, fence, inclosure, or work for the
15 protection or ornamentation of any park or parkway; or

16 (e) Lights any fire upon any park or parkway, except in such
17 places as the commission has authorized, or willfully or carelessly
18 permits any fire which he or she has lighted or which is under his or
19 her charge, to spread or extend to or burn any of the shrubbery,
20 trees, timber, ornaments, or improvements upon any park or parkway,
21 or leaves any campfire which he or she has lighted or which has been
22 left in his or her charge, unattended by a competent person, without
23 extinguishing it; or

24 (f) Places within any park or parkway or affixes to any object
25 therein contained, without a written license from the commission, any
26 word, character, or device designed to advertise any business,
27 profession, article, thing, exhibition, matter, or event.

28 (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a person who
29 violates any rule adopted, promulgated, or issued by the commission
30 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a
31 misdemeanor.

32 (b) The commission may specify by rule, when not inconsistent
33 with applicable statutes, that violation of the rule is an infraction
34 under chapter 7.84 RCW.

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