

the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 212.

[ S. B. 544. ]

PUBLIC LANDS—SHORE, BEACH AND TIDE LANDS.

AN ACT relating to shore, beach and tide lands; and adding new sections to chapter 79.16 RCW.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 79.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Declaration of public recreation area.

That portion of the public highway as established by chapter 54, Laws of 1935, chapter 105, Laws of 1901, and chapter 110, Laws of 1901, lying between the line of vegetation and the line of mean high tide, as such lines now are or may hereafter be, is hereby declared a public recreation area and is hereby set aside and forever reserved for the use of the public.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 79.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Acquisition of property authorized.

The department of natural resources may acquire by purchase, gift, exchange, or condemnation any lands, property, or interest therein from any political subdivision of the state, municipal corporation, the federal government or person for the purpose of expanding, improving, or facilitating the use of lands herein reserved for such public highway and recreation purposes.

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