

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 178, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 221, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 73.04.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Any veteran who is a veteran of any war of the United States, or of any military campaign for which a campaign ribbon shall have been awarded, and has been awarded an honorable discharge, who ((shall)) submits to the director of licensing satisfactory proof that he ((has lost the use of one or both of his arms or legs or that he had)) or she is receiving compensation or a pension from the veterans administration or any branch of the armed forces of the United States for the loss of or the loss of the use of both arms or legs or one arm and one leg or a loss or use of one arm or one leg that precludes locomotion without the use of or aid of braces, crutches, canes, a wheelchair, or a permanent prosthesis; he or she has become unemployable; or he or she has become blind in both eyes as the result of ((his)) military service ((in such war or military campaign)), shall be entitled to have issued to him or her by the director of licensing ((an annual motor vehicle license for one automobile)) general license plates or license plates with distinguishing marks, letters, or numerals indicating that the motor vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran. This license shall be issued annually for one vehicle for personal use without the payment of any license fees or excise tax thereon. Whenever any person who has been issued license plates under the provisions of this section applies to the department for transfer of such plates to a subsequently acquired motor vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

Any person who has been issued free motor vehicle license plates under this section prior to the effective date of this 1980 act, shall continue to be eligible for the annual free license plates.

For the purposes of this section, "blind" shall mean that definition of "blind" utilized by the state of Washington in determining eligibility for financial assistance to the blind under Title 74 RCW.

Any unauthorized use of a special plate is a gross misdemeanor.

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## CHAPTER 89

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3164]

### URBAN AREA STATE PARKS—AUTHORITY—PRIORITY

AN ACT Relating to urban area state parks; amending section 4, chapter 10, Laws of 1979 and RCW 43.51.040; amending section 43.51.060, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 99, Laws of 1969 and RCW 43.51.060; adding new sections to chapter 43.51 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 10, Laws of 1979 and RCW 43.51.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission shall:

(1) Have the care, charge, control, and supervision of all parks and parkways acquired or set aside by the state for park or parkway purposes.

(2) Adopt, promulgate, issue, and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the use, care, and administration of state parks and parkways, which shall become effective ten days after adoption. The commission shall cause a copy of the rules and regulations to be kept posted in a conspicuous place in every state park to which they are applicable, but failure to post or keep any rule or regulation posted shall be no defense to any prosecution for the violation thereof.

(3) Permit the use of state parks and parkways by the public under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed.

(4) Clear, drain, grade, seed, and otherwise improve or beautify parks and parkways, and erect structures, buildings, fireplaces, and comfort stations and build and maintain paths, trails, and roadways through or on parks and parkways.

(5) Grant concessions or leases in state parks and parkways, upon such rentals, fees, or percentage of income or profits and for such terms, in no event longer than forty years, and upon such conditions as shall be approved by the commission: PROVIDED, That leases exceeding a twenty-year term shall require a unanimous vote of the commission: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if, during the term of any concession or lease, it is the opinion of the commission that it would be in the best interest of the state, the commission may, with the consent of the concessionaire or lessee, alter and amend the terms and conditions of such concession or lease: PROVIDED FURTHER, That television station leases shall be subject to the provisions of RCW 43.51.063, only: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the rates of such concessions or leases shall be renegotiated at five-year intervals. No concession shall be granted which will prevent the public from having free access to the scenic attractions of any park or parkway.

(6) Employ such assistance as it deems necessary.

(7) By majority vote of its authorized membership select and purchase or obtain options upon, lease, or otherwise acquire for and in the name of the state such tracts of land, including shore and tide lands, for park and parkway purposes as it deems proper. If the commission cannot acquire any tract at a price it deems reasonable, it may, by majority vote of its authorized membership, obtain title thereto, or any part thereof, by condemnation proceedings conducted by the attorney general as provided for the condemnation of rights of way for state highways. Option agreements executed under authority of this subdivision shall be valid only if:

(a) The cost of the option agreement does not exceed one dollar; and

(b) Moneys used for the purchase of the option agreement are from (i) funds appropriated therefor, or (ii) funds appropriated for undesignated land acquisitions, or (iii) funds deemed by the commission to be in excess of the amount necessary for the purposes for which they were appropriated; and

(c) The maximum amount payable for the property upon exercise of the option does not exceed the appraised value of the property.

(8) Cooperate with the United States, or any county or city of this state, in any matter pertaining to the acquisition (~~for park and parkway purposes of any area not within the limits of any city, and in the~~), development, re-development, renovation, care, control, or supervision of any park or parkway, and enter into contracts in writing to that end. All parks or parkways, to (~~the acquisition or improvement of~~) which the state (~~shall have~~) contributed or in whose care, control, or supervision the state (~~shall participate~~) participated pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be governed by the provisions hereof.

Sec. 2. Section 43.51.060, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 99, Laws of 1969 and RCW 43.51.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission may: (1) Make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its duties;

(2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests, devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes;

(3) Require certification by the commission of all parks and recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled programs;

(4) Act jointly, when advisable, with the United States, any other state agencies, institutions, departments, boards, or commissions in order to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of this chapter;

(5) Grant franchises and easements for any legitimate purpose on parks or parkways, for such terms and subject to such conditions and considerations as the commission shall specify;

(6) Charge such fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities as the commission shall deem proper. All fees received by the commission shall be deposited with the state treasurer in the state general fund;

(7) Enter into agreements whereby individuals or companies may rent undeveloped parks or parkway land for grazing, agricultural, or mineral development purposes upon such terms and conditions as the commission shall deem proper, for a term not to exceed ten years; (~~and~~)

(8) Determine the qualifications of and employ a director of parks and recreation who shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040, and upon his recommendation, a supervisor of recreation, and determine the qualifications and salary of and

employ such other persons as may be needed to carry out the provisions hereof; and

(9) Without being limited to the powers hereinbefore enumerated, the commission shall have such other powers as in the judgment of a majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter: PROVIDED, That the commission shall not have power to supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds shall be made available for such purpose.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 43.51 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Recognizing the fact that the demand for park services is greatest in our urban areas, that parks should be accessible to all Washington citizens, that the urban poor cannot afford to travel to remotely located parks, that few state parks are located in or near urban areas, that a need exists to conserve energy, and that local governments having jurisdiction in urban areas cannot afford the costs of maintaining and operating the extensive park systems needed to service their large populations, the legislature hereby directs the interagency committee for outdoor recreation to place a high priority on the acquisition, development, redevelopment, and renovation of parks to be located in or near urban areas and to be particularly accessible to and used by the populations of those areas. For purposes of sections 3 and 4 of this 1980 act, "urban areas" mean any incorporated city with a population of five thousand persons or greater or any county with a population density of two hundred fifty persons per square mile or greater. This section shall be implemented by January 1, 1981.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 43.51 RCW a new section to read as follows:

For the reasons specified in section 3 of this act, the state parks and recreation commission shall place a high priority on the establishment of urban area state parks and shall revise its plan for future state parks to achieve this priority. This section shall be implemented by January 1, 1981.

***\*NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. (1) In keeping with the purposes of this 1980 act, the powers, functions, and duties heretofore exercised by the game commission, department of game, or its director, respecting the management, control, and operation of the approximately 165-acre tract of land bordering the White/Stuck Rivers in or near the city of Auburn and currently used as a game preserve are, except as provided under this section, terminated as of the effective date of this section, and the powers, functions, and duties with respect to such land are vested in the parks and recreation commission to be exercised in accordance with chapter 43.51 RCW as now existing or hereafter amended for the purposes specified therein.***

***(2) Nothing in this section shall impair any contract, debt, or obligation owed by the game commission or department of game in respect to such land.***

*However, the director of the office of financial management may, if the director finds it appropriate, transfer the duty to satisfy any such contract, debt, or obligation to the parks and recreation commission.*

*(3) The director of the office of financial management is authorized to make whatever orders are convenient or necessary for the implementation of this section. In addition, the director is authorized to make decisions resolving questions regarding the impact of this section on preexisting contracts, debts, or obligations with respect to such land. Any orders or decisions made by the director under this section shall be binding on the game commission, the department of game, and the parks and recreation commission.*

*(4) On the effective date of this section, the state treasurer shall transfer from the general fund to the game fund the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars to compensate the game fund for the transfer of the Auburn game farm to the parks and recreation commission.*

*(5) Section 5 of this act shall become effective on July 31, 1981, at which time the transfer of powers, functions and duties provided for in subsection (1) and the transfer of funds provided for in subsection (4) shall occur: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the parks and recreation commission is hereby authorized to begin planning for the public use of this property as an urban park on the effective date of this 1980 act.*

\*Sec. 5. was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

Passed the Senate February 22, 1980.

Passed the House February 18, 1980.

Approved by the Governor March 10, 1980 with the exception of Section 5 which is vetoed.

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Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to one section of Substitute Senate Bill 3164 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to urban area state parks".

Section 5 of this bill provides for the transfer of the Auburn Game Farm from the Game Commission to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for the purpose of preserving this property as an urban area state park. An appropriation of \$1,500,000 is made from General Fund-State revenues to compensate the Game Commission for the property.

While I strongly support the concept of urban area state parks, there is a necessity to be consistent with the priorities of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation Plan (IAC) if utilization of our scarce resources is to be most effective.

In addition, land acquisition projects submitted through the IAC are eligible for federal matching funds and should be maximized to the extent possible.

The effective date of this transfer is to be accomplished by July 31, 1981, the next biennium. This has the effect of obligating future legislatures.

Consequently, I have vetoed Section 5 and will ask the IAC to evaluate this proposal in their capital budget development plan for the 1981-83 biennium.

With the exception of Section 5, which I have vetoed, the remainder of Substitute Senate Bill 3164 is approved."

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CHAPTER 90

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3184]

COUNTY LANDS—NATIONAL FOREST TOWNSITE—NEGOTIATED  
SALE—CONVEYANCE TAX EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to the disposal of county lands; adding a new section to chapter 36.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.20 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 36.34 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A county may sell lands by direct negotiation without going through public auction when the lands were, prior to acquisition by the county, a national forest townsite under the jurisdiction of the United States department of agriculture.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 82.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The tax provided for in RCW 82.20.010 shall not apply to a conveyance of a national forest townsite under the jurisdiction of the United States department of agriculture to a county nor to a conveyance by a county of lands by direct negotiation when the lands were, prior to acquisition by the county, a national forest townsite under the jurisdiction of the United States department of agriculture.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall expire on January 1, 1984.

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CHAPTER 91

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3190]

SCHOOL BUSES—PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ACTIVITIES

AN ACT Relating to school districts; and adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.24 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.24 RCW a new section to read as follows: