115-18-6. Vehicle permits; news media exemption for state parks and other areas requiring motor vehicle permits. (a) A park and recreation motor vehicle permit shall not be required to enter any state park, or other area requiring a motor vehicle permit, if the vehicle is used for the purpose of:

(1) reporting on newsworthy occurrences by members of the news media; or

(2) other reporting efforts by members of the news media intended to inform and educate the public.

(b) Each motor vehicle used by members of the news media for purposes as established by sections (a)(1) and (a)(2) shall display a media pass issued by the department.

(c) Media passes shall be available upon application to the department and shall be issued at no cost.

(d) A park and recreation motor vehicle permit shall not be required to enter any state park, or other area requiring a motor vehicle permit, by members of the news media when the motor vehicle is used for the purpose of attending a department approved special event, if the motor vehicle displays a media pass issued by the department. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-901; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. 32-901 and K.S.A. 32-1001; effective Aug. 21, 1995.)