

CHAPTER 258

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3537]

GUARD ANIMALS—FIRE FIGHTER PROCEDURES

AN ACT Relating to firefighters; and adding a new section to chapter 48.48 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 48.48 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) All premises guarded by guard animals, which are animals professionally trained to defend and protect premises or the occupants of the premises, shall be registered with the local fire department. Front entrances to residences and all entrances to business premises shall be posted in a visible location with signs approved by the state fire marshal indicating that guard animals are present.

(2) A fire fighter, who reasonably believes that his or her safety is endangered by the presence of a guard animal, may without liability: (a) Refuse to enter the premises, or (b) take any reasonable action necessary to protect himself or herself from attack by the guard animal.

(3) If the person responsible for the guard animal being on the premises does not comply with subsection (1) of this section, that person may be held liable for any injury to the fire fighter caused by the presence of the guard animal.

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CHAPTER 259

[Senate Bill No. 3585]

HARBOR LEASES—55 YEARS

AN ACT Relating to harbor areas; amending section 75, chapter 21, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 79.92.070; amending section 76, chapter 21, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 79.92.080; and providing a contingent effective date.

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

Sec. 1. Section 75, chapter 21, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 79.92.070 are each amended to read as follows:

If the owner of any harbor area lease upon tidal waters shall desire to construct thereon any wharf, dock, or other convenience of navigation or commerce, or to extend, enlarge, or substantially improve any existing structure used in connection with such harbor area, and shall deem the required expenditure not warranted by his right to occupy such harbor area

during the remainder of the term of his lease, he may make application to the department of natural resources for a new lease of such harbor area for a period not exceeding ((~~thirty~~)) fifty-five years. Upon the filing of such application accompanied by such proper plans, drawings or other data, the department shall forthwith investigate the same and if it shall determine that the proposed work or improvement is in the public interest and reasonably adequate for the public needs, it shall by order fix the terms and conditions and the rate of rental for such new lease, such rate of rental shall be a fixed percentage, during the term of such lease, on the true and fair value in money of such harbor area determined from time to time by the department as provided in RCW 79.92.050. The department may propose modifications of the proposed wharf, dock, or other convenience or extensions, enlargements, or improvements thereon. The department shall, within ninety days from the filing of such application notify the applicant in writing of the terms and conditions upon which such new lease will be granted, and of the rental to be paid, and if the applicant shall within ninety days thereafter elect to accept a new lease of such harbor area upon the terms and conditions, and at the rental prescribed by the department, the department shall make a new lease for such harbor area for the term applied for and the existing lease shall thereupon be surrendered and canceled.

Sec. 2. Section 76, chapter 21, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 79.92.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the expiration of any harbor area lease upon tidal waters hereafter expiring, the owner thereof may apply for a re-lease of such harbor area for a period not exceeding ((~~thirty~~)) fifty-five years. Such application shall be accompanied with maps showing the existing improvements upon such harbor area and the tidelands adjacent thereto and with proper plans, drawings, and other data showing any proposed extensions or improvements of existing structures. Upon the filing of such application the department of natural resources shall forthwith investigate the same and if it shall determine that the character of the wharves, docks or other conveniences of commerce and navigation are reasonably adequate for the public needs and in the public interest, it shall by order fix and determine the terms and conditions upon which such re-lease shall be granted and the rate of rental to be paid, which rate shall be a fixed percentage during the term of such lease on the true and fair value in money of such harbor area as determined from time to time by the department of natural resources in accordance with RCW 79.92.050.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall take effect on the same date as the proposed amendment to Article XV, section 2 of the state Constitution

(SJR No. 105) is validly submitted and is approved and ratified by the voters at a general election held in November, 1983. If the proposed amendment is not so approved and ratified, this act shall be null and void in its entirety.

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Passed the House April 21, 1983.

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CHAPTER 260

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3595]

VETERANS AFFAIRS—CONTRACTS WITH VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS FOR SERVICES—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to veterans; amending section 43.61.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 21, chapter 115, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 43.61.030; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 43.61.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 21, chapter 115, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 43.61.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The director of veterans affairs is empowered to (~~approve expenditures by~~) contract with any veterans' organizations, now or hereafter chartered by act of congress (~~and to reimburse such organizations therefor~~) to provide veterans services. All sums paid to veterans' organizations under contract shall be used by the organizations as specified in the contract in the maintenance of a rehabilitation service and to assist veterans in the prosecution of their claims and the solution of their problems arising out of military service. Such service and assistance shall be rendered all veterans and their dependents and also all beneficiaries of any military claim, and shall include but not be limited to those services now rendered by the service departments of the respective member organizations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is appropriated to the department of veterans affairs from the general fund, for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of helping to fund contracts with veterans' organizations which have not previously provided veterans services under reimbursement agreements with the department.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state