

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