CHAPTER 74
[House Bill No. 262]
GAME AND GAME FISH—PROTECTION

AN ACT Relating to the game commission; amending section 77.12.010, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 and RCW 77.12.010; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 77.12.010, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 and RCW 77.12.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The wild animals and wild birds in the state of Washington and the game fish in the waters thereof are the property of the state. The game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds, nongame birds, harmless or song birds, and game fish shall be preserved, protected, and perpetuated((, and to that end)). Such game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds, nongame birds, harmless or song birds, and game fish shall ((not)) only be taken at such times or places, by such means, in such manner, or in such quantities as will in the judgment of the commission maximize public recreational opportunities but not impair the supply thereof: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to infringe on the right of a private property owner to control his private property.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1977 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 75
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2133]
STATE AGENCIES—REPORTING REQUIREMENTS