

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 172

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5348]

COMMERCIAL BOTTOM TRAWLING—HOOD CANAL AND PUGET SOUND— PARTIAL PROHIBITION

AN ACT Relating to the regulation of fishing; and adding a new section to chapter 75.12 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 75.12 RCW to read as follows:

Commercial bottom trawling for food fish and shellfish is unlawful in all areas of Hood Canal south of a line projected from Tala Point to Foul-weather Bluff and in Puget Sound south of a line projected from Foul-weather Bluff to Double Bluff and including all marine waters east of Whidbey Island and Camano Island.

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CHAPTER 173

[House Bill No. 1077]

CURB RAMPS—CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS—HANDICAPPED ACCESS

AN ACT Relating to curb ramps for handicapped persons; and amending RCW 35.68.075.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as amended by section 1, chapter 137, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 35.68.075 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The standard for construction ~~((of curbs))~~ on any county road, or city(;) or town street, ~~((or any connecting street or town road))~~ for which curbs ~~((and sidewalks have been prescribed by the governing body of the county, town, or city having jurisdiction thereover))~~ in combination with

sidewalks, paths, or other pedestrian access ways are to be constructed, shall be not less than two ramps per lineal block on or near the crosswalks at intersections. Such ramps shall be at least thirty-six inches wide and so constructed as to allow reasonable access to the crosswalk for physically handicapped persons, without uniquely endangering blind persons.

(2) Standards set for curb ramping under subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any curb existing upon enactment of this section but shall apply to all new curb construction and to all replacement curbs constructed at any point in a block which gives reasonable access to a crosswalk.

(3) Upon September 21, 1977, every ramp thereafter constructed under subsection (1) of this section, which serves one end of a crosswalk, shall be matched by another ramp at the other end of the crosswalk. However, no ramp shall be required at the other end of the crosswalk if there is no curb nor sidewalk at the other end of the crosswalk. Nor shall any matching ramp constructed pursuant to this subsection require a subsequent matching ramp.

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CHAPTER 174

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5350]

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONERS—SUPERIOR COURT—APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES

AN ACT Relating to mental health commissioners; adding new sections to chapter 71.05 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 71.34 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW to read as follows:

In class A counties and counties of the first through ninth classes, the superior court may appoint the following persons to assist the superior court in disposing of its business: **PROVIDED**, That such positions may not be created without prior consent of the county legislative authority:

- (1) One or more attorneys to act as mental health commissioners; and
- (2) Such investigators, stenographers, and clerks as the court shall find necessary to carry on the work of the mental health commissioners.

The appointments provided for in this section shall be made by a majority vote of the judges of the superior court of the county and may be in addition to all other appointments of commissioners and other judicial attaches otherwise authorized by law. Mental health commissioners and investigators shall serve at the pleasure of the judges appointing them and shall