

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. No person may knowingly sell or offer for sale any food product represented as "kosher" or "kosher style" when that person knows that the food product is not kosher and when the representation is likely to cause a prospective purchaser to believe that it is kosher. Such a representation can be made orally or in writing, or by display of a sign, mark, insignia, or simulation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A violation of this chapter shall constitute a violation of the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 69 RCW.

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CHAPTER 128

[Substitute House Bill No. 1129]

PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS—PURPOSES EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY FOR COMMON, PUBLIC AREAS

AN ACT Relating to business improvement areas; and amending RCW 35.87A.010 and 35.87A.080.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 45, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 279, Laws of 1981 and RCW 35.87A.010 are each amended to read as follows:

To aid general economic development and to facilitate merchant and business cooperation which assists trade, the legislature hereby authorizes all counties and all incorporated cities and towns, including unclassified cities and towns operating under special charters:

(1) To establish, after a petition submitted by the operators responsible for 60 percent of the assessments by businesses within the area, parking and business improvement areas, hereafter referred to as area or areas, for the following purposes:

(a) The acquisition, construction or maintenance of parking facilities for the benefit of the area;

(b) Decoration of any public place in the area;

(c) Promotion of public events which are to take place on or in public places in the area;

(d) Furnishing of music in any public place in the area;

(e) Providing professional management, planning, and promotion for the area, including the management and promotion of retail trade activities in the area; or

(f) Providing maintenance and security for common, public areas.

(2) To levy special assessments on all businesses within the area and specially benefited by a parking and business improvement area to pay in whole or in part the damages or costs incurred therein as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 2. Section 8, chapter 45, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 279, Laws of 1981 and RCW 35.87A.080 are each amended to read as follows:

For purposes of the special assessments to be imposed pursuant to this chapter, the legislative authority may make a reasonable classification of businesses, giving consideration to various factors such as business and occupation taxes imposed, square footage of the business, number of employees, gross sales, or any other reasonable factor relating to the benefit received, including the degree of benefit received from parking. Whenever it is proposed that a parking and business improvement area provide more than one of the purposes listed in RCW 35.87A.010, special assessments may be imposed in a manner that measures benefit from each of the separate purposes, or any combination of the separate purposes. Special assessments shall be imposed and collected annually, or on another basis specified in the ordinance establishing the parking and business improvement area.

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CHAPTER 129

[House Bill No. 251]

FRAUDULENT USE OF COMMERCIAL SKI AREA FACILITIES

AN ACT Relating to commercial ski areas; amending RCW 19.48.110; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that commercial ski areas, which contribute significantly to the economic well-being of the state, suffer substantial financial losses from the fraudulent use of their facilities by persons who obtain services without paying for them. It is therefore the intent of the legislature that the law that protects hotels, inns, and restaurants from such fraud be extended to also protect commercial ski areas.