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AN ACT Relating to actions for trespass upon a business owner's premises; adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW 6 to read as follows:

- (1) A business owner has a cause of action for trespass against any person who intentionally enters or remains unlawfully upon the business owner's premises in violation of a written notice, provided by the business owner to the person, notifying the person that: (a) He or she is prohibited from reentering the premises; and (b) any reentry of the person onto the premises in violation of the notice constitutes trespass and is subject to the penalty established in this section.
- 14 (2) In any action under subsection (1) of this section, a business 15 owner may recover actual damages, or elect to recover statutory damages 16 in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars.

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