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By Senators Sellar, Talmadge and Nelson.

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1 AN ACT Relating to conveyances for recreational purposes at ski
2 areas; and amending RCW 70.117.010 and 70.88.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.117.010 and 1989 c 81 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The operator of any ski area shall maintain a sign system based
7 on international or national standards and as may be required by the
8 state parks and recreation commission.

9 All signs for instruction of the public shall be bold in design
10 with wording short, simple, and to the point. All such signs shall be
11 prominently placed.

12 Entrances to all machinery, operators', and attendants' rooms shall
13 be posted to the effect that unauthorized persons are not permitted
14 therein.

1 The sign "Working on Lift" or a similar warning sign shall be hung
2 on the main disconnect switch and at control points for starting the
3 auxiliary or prime mover when a person is working on the passenger
4 tramway.

5 ~~((2) The interior of each reversible aerial tramway and gondola
6 lift shall be prominently posted to show:~~

7 ~~(a) The maximum capacity of each reversible aerial tramway and
8 gondola lift in pounds and number of passengers (which shall also be
9 posted at each loading area); and~~

10 ~~(b) Instructions for procedure in emergencies.~~

11 ~~(3) The following signs shall be posted at all aerial lifts except
12 gondola lifts:~~

13 ~~(a) "Prepare to Unload" (not less than fifty feet ahead of
14 unloading area);~~

15 ~~(b) "Keep Ski Tips Up" (ahead of any point where skis may come in
16 contact with a platform or the snow surface);~~

17 ~~(c) "Unload Here";~~

18 ~~(d) "Safety Gate" (if applicable);~~

19 ~~(e) "Remove Pole Straps from Wrists" (at loading area); and~~

20 ~~(f) Sign visible at all points of downhill loading, listing
21 downhill capacity of lift.~~

22 ~~(4) The following signs shall be posted at all surface lifts:~~

23 ~~(a) "Prepare to Unload" (not less than fifty feet ahead of
24 unloading area);~~

25 ~~(b) "Stay in Track";~~

26 ~~(c) "Unload Here";~~

27 ~~(d) "Safety Gate"; and~~

28 ~~(e) "Remove Pole Straps from Wrists" (at loading area).~~

29 ~~(5) The following signs shall be posted at all tows:~~

30 ~~(a) "No Loose Scarves~~

1 (b) The skiing-ability level recommended for users of the lift and
2 the runs served by the device shall be classified "easiest", "more
3 difficult", and "most difficult".

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.88.090 and 1959 c 327 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The state parks and recreation commission is empowered to adopt
7 reasonable rules(~~((regulations))~~) and codes relating to public safety
8 in the construction, operation, signing, and maintenance of the
9 recreational devices provided for in this chapter. The rules(~~((~~
10 ~~regulations))~~) and codes authorized hereunder shall be in accordance
11 with established standards, if any, and shall not be discriminatory in
12 their application.