
HOUSE BILL 2499

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1 AN ACT Relating to health studios; adding a new section to chapter
2 19.142 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.142 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that the use of commercial health studio
7 facilities by the public includes a reliance on the part of the public
8 of reasonable safe and sanitary conditions in these facilities to avoid
9 contagion from infectious diseases. The health studio industry
10 benefits by promoting accepted standards of sanitation to assure their
11 members and guests of a respect for their health and safety. The
12 legislature declares that it is in the interests of the public health,
13 safety, and welfare to establish requirements and guidelines for the
14 maintenance of minimum sanitary conditions and infection control in
15 health studios in order to assist these facilities in providing a
16 healthy environment for patrons with an interest in improving their
17 health status.

18 (2) In consultation with recognized professional health studio
19 trade associations and other recognized guidelines for infection

1 control, the secretary of health shall adopt by rule requirements for
2 sanitation and infection control for health studios whose services
3 include a swimming pool, hot tub, steam room, sauna room, or shower
4 facilities.

5 (3) Any person who owns or operates a health studio whose services
6 include a swimming pool, hot tub, steam room, sauna room, or shower
7 facilities shall comply with the rules adopted by the secretary of
8 health for sanitation and infection control under this section. A
9 violation of a rule adopted under this section is a misdemeanor.

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