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1 AN ACT Relating to animal trapping; amending RCW 77.12.040,  
2 77.32.191, and 77.32.197; and adding a new section to chapter 77.12  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Trappers licensed under RCW 77.32.010 shall not use leghold traps.  
8 The director shall adopt rules to implement this section.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.040 and 1987 c 506 s 15 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 Except as provided in section 1 of this 1991 act, the commission  
12 shall adopt, amend, or repeal, and enforce reasonable rules prohibiting  
13 or governing the time, place, and manner of taking or possessing game  
14 animals, game birds, or game fish. The commission may specify the

1 quantities, species, sex, and size of game animals, game birds, or game  
2 fish that may be taken or possessed. The commission shall regulate the  
3 taking, sale, possession, and distribution of wildlife and deleterious  
4 exotic wildlife. The director may adopt emergency rules under RCW  
5 77.12.150.

6 The commission may establish by rule game reserves and closed areas  
7 where hunting for wild animals or wild birds may be prohibited and  
8 closed waters where fishing for game fish may be prohibited.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.32.191 and 1987 c 372 s 3 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 A state trapping license allows the holder to trap fur-bearing  
12 animals throughout the state; however, a trapper may not place traps on  
13 private property without written permission of the owner, lessee, or  
14 tenant (~~((where the land is improved and apparently used, or where the  
15 land is fenced or enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders or  
16 to indicate a property boundary line, or where notice is given by  
17 posting in a conspicuous manner))~~). A state trapping license is void on  
18 April 1st following the date of issuance. The fee for this license is  
19 thirty dollars for residents sixteen years of age or older, twelve  
20 dollars for residents under sixteen years of age, and one hundred fifty  
21 dollars for nonresidents.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.32.197 and 1987 c 506 s 82 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 Persons purchasing a state trapping license for the first time  
25 shall present certification of completion of a course of instruction in  
26 safe, humane, and proper trapping techniques or pass an examination to  
27 establish that the applicant has the requisite knowledge.

1       The director shall establish a program for training persons in  
2 trapping techniques and responsibilities, (~~including~~) emphasizing the  
3 use of trapping devices designed to painlessly capture or instantly  
4 kill. The director shall cooperate with national and state animal,  
5 humane, hunter education, and trapping organizations in the development  
6 of a curriculum. Upon successful completion of the course, trainees  
7 shall receive a trapper's training certificate signed by an authorized  
8 instructor. This certificate is evidence of compliance with this  
9 section.