
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1815

State of Washington

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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Delvin, Morris and Padden)

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1 AN ACT Relating to liability for cleanup and repair of damaged
2 lodging or accommodation premises; adding a new section to chapter
3 19.48 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.48 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) An owner or employee of a hotel, motel, boarding house, or
8 other lodging may require a person to present valid identification with
9 proof of age or emancipation prior to renting the person a room or
10 facility.

11 (2) The parent or legal guardian having custody of an unemancipated
12 minor who receives lodging or uses other facilities at a hotel, motel,
13 boarding house, or other lodging, shall be liable as a penalty to the
14 owner or renter for the costs of any cleanup or repair of damages to
15 the lodging caused by the minor or the minor's guests not to exceed
16 five hundred dollars, plus an additional penalty of not less than one
17 hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, plus all reasonable
18 attorneys' fees and court costs expended by the owner or renter if the
19 lodging:

1 (a) Required the minor to produce valid identification with proof
2 of age or emancipation prior to renting the room or facilities to the
3 minor;

4 (b) Required the minor's parent or legal guardian to take physical
5 custody of the room or facility prior to renting the room or facility
6 to the minor; or

7 (c) Required the minor's parent or legal guardian to agree in
8 writing to assume all liability for any property damage the minor or
9 the minor's guest cause to the lodging.

10 (3) Nothing in this section requires a hotel, motel, boarding
11 house, or other lodging facility to rent a room or facilities to a
12 minor or a minor's parent.

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