
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1922

State of Washington

54th Legislature

1995 Regular Session

By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives K. Schmidt and R. Fisher)

Read first time 02/22/95.

1 AN ACT Relating to vessels providing excursion services; adding new
2 sections to chapter 81.84 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.84 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 As used in this chapter:

7 (1) "Excursion service" means the carriage or conveyance of persons
8 for compensation over the waters of this state from a point of origin
9 and returning to the point of origin with an intermediate stop or stops
10 at which passengers leave the vessel and reboard before the vessel
11 returns to its point of origin.

12 (2) "Charter service" means the hiring of a vessel, with captain
13 and crew, by a person or group for carriage or conveyance of persons or
14 property.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 81.84 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) Unless expressly exempted in section 3 of this act, no vessel
18 may provide excursion service over the waters of this state without

1 first having obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity
2 as provided in RCW 81.84.010.

3 (2) Vessels providing excursion service must comply with all
4 provisions of this chapter and rules of the commission adopted under
5 this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 81.84 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 This chapter does not apply to the following vessels or operations:

9 (1) Charter services;

10 (2) Vessels that depart and return to the point of origin without
11 stopping at another location within the state where passengers leave
12 the vessel;

13 (3) Vessels operated by not-for-profit or governmental entities
14 that are replicas of historic vessels or that are recognized by the
15 United States department of the interior as national historical
16 landmarks;

17 (4) Excursion services that:

18 (a) Originate from a point of origin in the San Juan Islands and
19 make one or more stops, all within the San Juan Islands, before
20 returning to the point of origin;

21 (b) Do not depart from the point of origin on a regular published
22 schedule;

23 (c) Do not operate between the same point of origin and the same
24 intermediate stop more than four times in any month or more than
25 fifteen times during any twelve-month period;

26 (d) Use vessels that do not return to the point of origin on the
27 day of departure; or

28 (e) Use vessels less than sixty-five feet in length with a United
29 States Coast Guard certificate that limits them to thirty-five
30 passengers or less.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
33 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
34 immediately.

--- END ---