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

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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           (1) No vessel may provide excursion service over the waters of this  
7 state without first having obtained a certificate of public convenience  
8 and necessity as provided in RCW 81.84.010.

9           (2) For purposes of this chapter, "excursion service" means the  
10 carriage or conveyance of persons for compensation over the waters of  
11 this state from a point of origin and returning to the point of origin  
12 with an intermediate stop or stops at which passengers are permitted to  
13 leave the vessel and reboard before the vessel returns to its point of  
14 origin.

15         (3) Vessels providing excursion service must comply with all  
16 provisions of this chapter and rules of the commission adopted under  
17 this chapter.

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

3        This chapter does not apply to vessels providing charter or cruise  
4 service over the waters of this state; excursion services involving  
5 fewer than ten trips on the same or similar water route during any  
6 twelve-month period; or not-for-profit or governmental entities using  
7 vessels recognized by the United States department of the interior as  
8 national historic landmarks or using replicas of historic vessels. For  
9 the purposes of this chapter, "charter service" means the hiring of a  
10 vessel, with captain and crew, by a person or group for carriage or  
11 conveyance of persons or property. For purposes of this chapter,  
12 "cruise service" means the conveyance or carriage of persons for  
13 compensation over the waters of this state from a point of origin and  
14 returning to that same point without stopping the vessel at any other  
15 location in the state at which passengers may leave the vessel.

16        NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
19 effect immediately.

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