
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5118

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Drew and von Reichbauer)

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1 AN ACT Relating to ordinances of cities and towns; amending RCW
2 35.27.320; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and prescribing
3 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 35.21 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) It is the purpose of this section to provide a means whereby
8 all cities and towns may obtain, through a single source, information
9 regarding ordinances of other cities and towns that may be of
10 assistance to them in enacting appropriate local legislation.

11 (2) For the purposes of this section, (a) "clerk" means the city or
12 town clerk or other person who is lawfully designated to perform the
13 recordkeeping function of that office, and (b) "municipal research
14 council" means the municipal research council created by chapter 43.110
15 RCW.

16 (3) The clerk of every city and town is directed to provide to the
17 municipal research council or its designee, promptly after adoption, a
18 copy of each of its regulatory ordinances and such other ordinances or
19 kinds of ordinances as may be described in a list or lists promulgated

1 by the municipal research council or its designee from time to time,
2 and may provide such copies without charge. The municipal research
3 council may provide that information to the entity with which it
4 contracts for the provision of municipal research and services, in
5 order to provide a pool of information for all cities and towns in the
6 state of Washington.

7 (4) This section is intended to be directory and not mandatory.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.27.320 and 1965 c 7 s 35.27.320 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The violation of an ordinance of a town shall be a misdemeanor or
11 a civil violation subject to a monetary penalty, and may be prosecuted
12 by the authorities thereof in the name of the people of the state of
13 Washington ((~~or may be redressed by civil action~~)).

14 Any person sentenced to imprisonment may be imprisoned in the town
15 jail, or if the council by ordinance shall so prescribe and if the
16 county commissioners have consented thereto, he may be imprisoned in
17 the county jail, the expense thereof to be a charge against the town
18 and in favor of the county.

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