
SENATE BILL 5497

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By Senators Hargrove, Owen, Anderson, Loveland and Deccio

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1 AN ACT Relating to administrative searches; and adding a new
2 section to Title 4 RCW.

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

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

6 The person or agency applying for an administrative search warrant
7 shall give notice of an application for a warrant to the owner and
8 occupant of a residence or other place to be inspected at least twenty
9 days before the warrant is issued. The owner or occupant is entitled
10 to a hearing before issuance of the warrant, if a hearing is requested.

11 The warrant must be limited in scope to that necessary to perform the
12 inspection. The warrant should be served during regular business hours
13 if possible, but in no case may the warrant be served after 7:00 p.m.

14 Without a warrant, an administrative search may only be conducted
15 with the fully informed consent of the occupant. The consent must be
16 in writing to be valid. As used in this section, "administrative

1 search warrant" means a noncriminal warrant issued to do administrative
2 inspections.

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