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1 AN ACT Relating to safety rest areas; and adding a new section to
2 chapter 47.38 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.38 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department must adopt by rule a comprehensive program that
7 allows private entities to operate state-owned safety rest areas.

8 (2) The program to allow private entities to operate state-owned
9 safety rest areas must meet the following criteria:

10 (a) In addition to commercial services offered, privately operated
11 safety rest areas must also offer equivalent services, at no charge,
12 currently provided by state-operated safety rest areas;

13 (b) The department must lease the rights to operate safety rest
14 areas for a commercially reasonable period of time, but no longer than
15 twenty years;

16 (c) The department may lease the right to operate either individual
17 safety rest areas, or groups of safety rest areas, or both, to a
18 private entity; and

1 (d) The department must take all necessary action to ensure the
2 most favorable lease rates for the state, whether by bid or other
3 reasonable manner, and to require the lessee to enter into any other
4 contract or agreement to protect the state and its citizens from
5 commercial harm or other type of harm.

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