
SENATE BILL 6449

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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to master wildlife-viewing guides; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 77.12 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 77.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department is authorized to work with wildlife and
7 ecotourism guides to identify professional practices and competencies,
8 to implement a program of recognizing master wildlife guides, and to
9 support wildlife-viewing tour operators as ambassadors for
10 Washington's fish and wildlife.

11 (2) Program elements that may be addressed include but are not
12 limited to:

13 (a) Working with guides and tour operators to develop best
14 management practices for viewing wildlife and to create a code of
15 ethics for tour operators that sustains and promotes wildlife
16 resources;

17 (b) Developing a program to recognize professional competence for
18 designation as a master wildlife guide;

1 (c) Developing a nature tourism enterprise training workshop, to
2 assist individuals and businesses engaged in wildlife tours and as
3 guides; and

4 (d) Providing training materials, decals recognizing master
5 wildlife guides, publications on wildlife tour best management
6 practices and code of ethics, and other publications promoting the
7 wildlife viewing industry.

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