SENATE BILL 5231

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of the term "conviction" in 2 chapter 77.15 RCW; and amending RCW 77.15.050.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 77.15.050 and 1998 c 190 s 6 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in this 7 chapter, "conviction" means a final conviction in a state or municipal court or an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to 8 9 secure the defendant's appearance in court. A plea of guilty, or a 10 finding of guilt for a violation of this title or rule of the commission or director constitutes a conviction regardless of whether 11 the imposition of sentence is deferred or the penalty is suspended. 12 13 "Conviction" also means an uncontested notice of infraction, a determination, judgment, or finding that an infraction has been 14 15 committed, or a failure to appear after requesting a hearing to contest 16 an infraction. The commission may, by rule, designate infractions that 17 are not included within the definition of "conviction."

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