
SENATE BILL 6445

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By Senator Pridemore

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1 AN ACT Relating to cost recovery for fire protection and public
2 safety services rendered on navigable waters of the state to commercial
3 vessels by fire protection agencies; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 35.21 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) When a fire or public safety incident involving a commercial
9 vessel occurs on navigable waters of the state, within or outside of
10 the territorial limits of any fire protection district as established
11 by chapter 52.20 RCW, a city or town as defined by RCW 35.103.020, or
12 a regional fire service authority as established by chapter 52.26 RCW,
13 and marine rescue and firefighting services are provided, with or
14 without a contract to do so, the responding fire protection agency may
15 recover from the person or vessel receiving the marine rescue and
16 firefighting services the following:

17 (a) The contract or reasonable value of the use, including repairs
18 and depreciation, of the apparatus and equipment used;

1 (b) The cost of fire protection personnel engaged to provide marine
2 rescue and firefighting services as a result of the fire or public
3 safety incident; and

4 (c) All other costs reasonably incurred in providing the marine
5 rescue and firefighting services as a result of the fire or public
6 safety incident.

7 (2) As used in this section "navigable waters of the state" has the
8 same meaning as in RCW 88.46.010(11).

9 (3) As used in this section "commercial vessel" means a "covered
10 vessel" as defined in RCW 88.46.010(5).

11 (4) This section does not preempt or limit the cost recovery rights
12 and remedies available to a fire protection agency by other state or
13 federal law.

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