

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5188**

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60th Legislature  
2007 Regular Session

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

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Passed by the Senate April 16, 2007  
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BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 30, 2007, 2:25 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5188** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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April 30, 2007

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Jacobsen, Prentice, Fairley, Kline, Marr, Kohl-Welles, Tom, Murray, Keiser and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to a wildlife rehabilitation program; amending RCW  
2 46.16.606; adding new sections to chapter 77.12 RCW; and creating new  
3 sections.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that licensed wildlife  
6 rehabilitators often work closely with local law enforcement, animal  
7 control officers, wildlife enforcement officers, and wildlife  
8 biologists at the state and federal levels to aid in the safe capture,  
9 testing for disease, medical treatment, rehabilitation, and release of  
10 wildlife. The state recognizes the critical role licensed wildlife  
11 rehabilitators play in capturing and caring for the sick, injured, and  
12 orphaned wildlife of Washington state.

13            **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.606 and 1991 sp.s. c 7 s 13 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15            In addition to the fees imposed in RCW 46.16.585 for application  
16 and renewal of personalized license plates an additional fee of (~~ten~~)  
17 twelve dollars shall be charged. (~~The revenue~~) Ten dollars from the  
18 additional fee shall be deposited in the state wildlife (~~fund~~)

1 account and used for the management of resources associated with the  
2 nonconsumptive use of wildlife. Two dollars from the additional fee  
3 shall be deposited into the wildlife rehabilitation account created  
4 under section 3 of this act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The wildlife rehabilitation account is created in the state  
8 treasury. All receipts from moneys directed to the account from RCW  
9 46.16.606 must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account  
10 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account  
11 may be used only for the support of the wildlife rehabilitation program  
12 created under section 4 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The director shall establish a wildlife rehabilitation program  
16 to help support the critical role licensed wildlife rehabilitators play  
17 in protecting the public by capturing, testing for disease, and caring  
18 for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife in Washington state. The  
19 director shall contract for wildlife rehabilitation services with up to  
20 four people in each of the department's six administrative regions.  
21 Applicants may submit only one request every two years and must reside  
22 in the administrative region for which they have applied. The  
23 contracts must be for a term of two years.

24 (2) In order to receive funding, the wildlife rehabilitator must:  
25 (a) Be properly licensed in wildlife rehabilitation under state and  
26 federal law; and (b) furnish information concerning his or her  
27 identity, including fingerprints for submission to the Washington state  
28 patrol to include a national criminal background check. The applicant  
29 must pay for the cost of the criminal background check. If the  
30 background check reveals that the applicant has been convicted of a  
31 felony or gross misdemeanor, the applicant is ineligible to receive  
32 funding.

33 (3) The department must require that contractors submit detailed  
34 reports accounting for all expenditures of state funds. The reports  
35 must be submitted to the department on a quarterly basis. The  
36 department may require the contractor to submit to an inspection of the

1 rehabilitation facility to ensure compliance with department rules  
2 governing wildlife rehabilitation. Expenditures that are permitted  
3 under this program as they specifically relate to wildlife  
4 rehabilitation include: (a) Reimbursement for diagnostic and lab  
5 support services; (b) purchase and maintenance of proper restraints and  
6 equipment used in the capture, transportation, temporary housing, and  
7 release of wildlife; (c) reimbursement of contracted veterinary  
8 services; (d) reimbursement of the cost of food, medication, and other  
9 consumables; and (e) reimbursement of the cost of continuing education.  
10 The department shall give priority to applications submitted that  
11 provide for the rehabilitation of endangered or threatened species.  
12 Funds may not be used to rehabilitate either nonnative species or  
13 nuisance animals, or both, including, but not limited to the following:  
14 Eastern gray squirrels (*Sciurus carolinensis*); opossum (*Didelphis*  
15 *virginiana*); raccoons (*Procyon lotor*); striped skunk (*Mephitis*  
16 *mephitis*); spotted skunk (*Spilogale putorius*); Eastern cottontail  
17 rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*); domestic rabbit (*Oryctolagus*  
18 *cuniculus*); European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*); and house sparrow  
19 (*Passer domesticus*).

20 (4) The department may adopt any rules as are necessary to carry  
21 out this section.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 The department must develop a process for renewing wildlife  
25 rehabilitation licenses. All wildlife rehabilitation licenses issued  
26 by the department prior to January 1, 2006, must be renewed by January  
27 1, 2010. The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this  
28 section.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 2 of this act is effective for  
30 registrations due or to become due on or after January 1, 2008.

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