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By Representative Pearson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of a professional archaeologist;
2 and amending RCW 27.53.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.53.030 and 2008 c 275 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Archaeology" means systematic, scientific study of man's past
9 through material remains.

10 (2) "Archaeological object" means an object that comprises the
11 physical evidence of an indigenous and subsequent culture including
12 material remains of past human life including monuments, symbols,
13 tools, facilities, and technological by-products.

14 (3) "Archaeological site" means a geographic locality in
15 Washington, including but not limited to, submerged and submersible
16 lands and the bed of the sea within the state's jurisdiction, that
17 contains archaeological objects.

18 (4) "Department" means the department of archaeology and historic
19 preservation, created in chapter 43.334 RCW.

1 (5) "Director" means the director of the department of archaeology
2 and historic preservation, created in chapter 43.334 RCW.

3 (6) "Historic" means peoples and cultures who are known through
4 written documents in their own or other languages. As applied to
5 underwater archaeological resources, the term historic shall include
6 only those properties which are listed in or eligible for listing in
7 the Washington State Register of Historic Places (RCW 27.34.220) or the
8 National Register of Historic Places as defined in the National
9 Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Title 1, Sec. 101, Public Law 89-
10 665; 80 Stat. 915; 16 U.S.C. Sec. 470) as now or hereafter amended.

11 (7) "Prehistoric" means peoples and cultures who are unknown
12 through contemporaneous written documents in any language.

13 (8) "Professional archaeologist" means a person ((with
14 ~~qualifications meeting the federal secretary of the interior's~~
15 ~~standards for a professional archaeologist. Archaeologists not meeting~~
16 ~~this standard may be conditionally employed by working under the~~
17 ~~supervision of a professional archaeologist for a period of four years~~
18 ~~provided the employee is pursuing qualifications necessary to meet the~~
19 ~~federal secretary of the interior's standards for a professional~~
20 ~~archaeologist. During this four-year period, the professional~~
21 ~~archaeologist is responsible for all findings. The four-year period is~~
22 ~~not subject to renewal)) who has met the educational, training, and
23 experience requirements of the register of professional archaeologists.~~

24 (9) "Amateur society" means any organization composed primarily of
25 persons who are not professional archaeologists, whose primary interest
26 is in the archaeological resources of the state, and which has been
27 certified in writing by two professional archaeologists.

28 (10) "Historic archaeological resources" means those properties
29 which are listed in or eligible for listing in the Washington State
30 Register of Historic Places (RCW 27.34.220) or the National Register of
31 Historic Places as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act of
32 1966 (Title 1, Sec. 101, Public Law 89-665; 80 Stat. 915; 16 U.S.C.
33 Sec. 470) as now or hereafter amended.

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