
SENATE BILL 5781

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By Senators Morton and Stevens

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Ocean & Recreation.

1 AN ACT Relating to the applicability of open range laws on public
2 lands; and amending RCW 16.24.065.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.24.065 and 1989 c 286 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person owning or in control of any livestock shall willfully
7 or negligently allow (~~such~~) the livestock to run at large in any
8 stock restricted area or to wander or stray upon the right-of-way of
9 any public highway lying within a stock restricted area when not in the
10 charge of some person.

11 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, livestock
12 may run at large upon lands belonging to the state of Washington or the
13 United States only when the owner of the livestock has been granted
14 grazing privileges in writing.

15 (b) For public lands owned or managed by the department of fish and
16 wildlife only, written grazing privileges are only required in stock
17 restricted areas or in areas that are adequately fenced to prevent

1 livestock from running at large.

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