
HOUSE BILL 2787

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing conflicts and ambiguity of law by
2 eliminating certain laws; and adding a new section to chapter 1.08
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any codified law or administrative law, including, but not
8 limited to, any statute or regulation that is enacted, adopted, or
9 otherwise established and made binding within the boundaries of the
10 state of Washington that is irrelevant, outdated, overridden by more
11 current law, in conflict with other provisions of law, or validly
12 deemed unenforceable by a court of law with jurisdiction over any
13 such laws may be brought before the legislature and removed from
14 current law and repealed by a constitutional majority vote of both
15 the house of representatives and the senate.

16 (2) Any such codified law or administrative law may be brought
17 forth by a legislator, an attorney, or a citizen of the state of
18 Washington no less than sixty days prior to the beginning of any
19 regular session requesting that the law be removed and repealed, and
20 the law shall be placed upon a list that must be made available to
21 all legislators for review during the interim. For each law submitted

1 for removal and repeal the person submitting the law shall provide a
2 detailed explanation describing in full why the specific law should
3 be removed and repealed.

4 (3) No legislative committee may be used to make any
5 determination on the removal and repeal of such laws; however, the
6 appropriate committee staff shall review the explanation given for
7 such removal and repeal and provide legislators an objective,
8 impartial analysis of the request but shall not provide a
9 recommendation whether or not the law should be removed and repealed.

10 (4) The list of such laws must be brought before the rules
11 committee in the house or senate, as appropriate, in a timely manner
12 and the committee must vote whether or not to move the list to the
13 floor for a vote during a regularly scheduled meeting of the house or
14 senate. The list of such laws may be voted upon as a whole or in part
15 as determined by the house or senate; provided that if there is no
16 agreement between the house and senate as to whether the list of such
17 laws will be voted upon as a whole or in part the list shall be voted
18 upon in part as originally submitted section by section, chapter by
19 chapter, or otherwise as submitted.

20 (5) Any such laws that the house and the senate have voted to be
21 removed and repealed must have an immediate effective date and,
22 unless there is an executive veto, such laws shall be removed from
23 the books no later than one hundred twenty days from the date the act
24 became law.

25 (6) Any codified law or administrative law, including, but not
26 limited to, any statute or regulation, that has been removed by this
27 procedure cannot be reintroduced or adopted in any form in the future
28 other than as legislation that must be duly adopted through the
29 legislative process.

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