
HOUSE BILL 2641

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1 AN ACT Relating to conduct aboard Washington State Ferries; adding
2 a new section to chapter 47.60 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that public peace and safety are an essential
7 element of the service provided to the traveling public that ride the
8 Washington State Ferries. To that end, the Washington state department
9 of transportation shall adopt administrative rules or policies to
10 implement the following:

11 (1) The purchase of a ticket for passage by the public for
12 transport on any established route maintained by the Washington State
13 Ferries entitles the ticket holder to the use of a single seat during
14 vessel passage. Once a vessel is under way, use of one or more
15 unclaimed seats is permitted by a ticket holder under the following
16 conditions:

17 (a) No such seat is reserved or blocked from use before departure;
18 and

1 (b) No other ticket holder who lacks a seat may be denied or
2 prevented from using additional seats being used by a single ticket
3 holder;

4 (2) A process for crew members to assist ticket holders who are
5 seeking a vacant seat and are unable to find one; and

6 (3) A process for ticket holders to file a complaint and receive
7 assistance from the crew when unable to obtain a seat from another
8 ticket holder who is occupying more than one seat.

9 Washington State Ferries may deny passage to a ticket holder who
10 ignores or abuses the seating conditions outlined in this section. To
11 ensure public notice and understanding of the one ticket/one seat
12 policy, Washington State Ferries shall include the limitation as a
13 notice on the ticket and on signs posted in each terminal and vessel.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
17 immediately.

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