
HOUSE BILL 2991

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1 AN ACT Relating to assured availability of live telecommunications
2 operators; amending RCW 80.36.090; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.36.090 and 1985 c 450 s 23 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every telecommunications company operating in this state shall
7 provide and maintain suitable and adequate buildings and facilities
8 therein, or connected therewith, for the accommodation, comfort and
9 convenience of its patrons and employees.

10 (2) Every telecommunications company shall, upon reasonable notice,
11 furnish to all persons and corporations who may apply therefor and be
12 reasonably entitled thereto suitable and proper facilities and
13 connections for telephonic communication and furnish telephone service
14 as demanded.

1 (3) Every telecommunications company that provides operator
2 services shall enable a caller to access a live operator at the
3 beginning of a call by a means that is easily and readily understood.
4 This subsection shall not apply to telecommunications equipment located
5 in prisons or jails.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
9 effect immediately.