
SENATE BILL 5686

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By Senators Vognild, Matson and Newhouse.

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1 AN ACT Relating to auctions; amending RCW 18.11.240; and creating
2 a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.11.240 and 1986 c 324 s 22 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The following requirements shall apply to bidding at auctions:

7 (1) An auctioneer conducting an auction (~~and~~) or an auction
8 company where an auction is being held shall not bid on or offer to buy
9 any goods or real property at the auction unless the auctioneer or the
10 auction company discloses the name of the person on whose behalf the
11 bid or offer is being made.

12 (2) An auctioneer (~~and~~) or an auction company shall not use any
13 method of bidding at an auction that will allow goods or real property
14 to be purchased in an undisclosed manner on behalf of the auctioneer or
15 auction company.

1 (3) At a public auction conducted or supervised by an auctioneer or
2 auction company, the auctioneer or auction company shall not
3 fictitiously raise any bid, knowingly permit any person to make a
4 fictitious bid, or employ or use another person to act as a bidder or
5 buyer.

6 (4) All goods or real property offered for sale at an auction shall
7 be subject to a reserve or a confirmation from the owner or consignor
8 unless otherwise indicated by the auctioneer or auction company.
9 Except as provided in this subsection, an auctioneer or auction company
10 shall not use any method of bidding at an auction that allows the
11 auctioneer or auction company to avoid selling any property offered for
12 sale at auction.

13 (5) A licensee who violates any provision of this section shall be
14 subject to an administrative fine in a sum not exceeding five hundred
15 dollars for each violation.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Before the commencement of bidding on each
17 sale by lot, the auctioneer or auction company shall explicitly notify
18 the audience, orally, that the sale is by lot.