
HOUSE BILL 2744

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1 AN ACT Relating to closed-captioning video movies for the deaf and
2 hard of hearing; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; and providing an
3 effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that: Closed-caption
6 for the deaf and hard of hearing decoding capability technology is
7 built into television sets manufactured after 1993; closed-captioned
8 television has made it possible for thousands of deaf and hard of
9 hearing people to gain access to and use the television medium, thus
10 significantly improving the quality of their lives; closed-captioning
11 television can assist both hearing and hearing impaired children with
12 reading and learning skills, and improve literacy skills among adults;
13 and closed-captioned television can assist those among our immigrant
14 population who are learning English as a second language with language
15 comprehension.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A video movie, documentary, course, product,
17 or merchandise that has been reproduced in a video storage medium
18 format for distribution, sale, rent, loan, or lease for educational,

1 instructional, commercial, informational, promotional, or entertainment
2 purposes must be closed-captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall
4 constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect December 31,
6 1995.

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