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1 AN ACT Relating to rates charged for public conveyance or
2 transportation of persons eligible under the federal Americans with
3 disabilities act; and amending RCW 49.60.215.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.60.215 and 1993 c 510 s 16 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 It shall be an unfair practice for any person or the person's agent
8 or employee to commit an act which directly or indirectly results in
9 any distinction, restriction, or discrimination, or the requiring of
10 any person to pay a larger sum than the uniform rates charged other
11 persons except as allowed under the federal Americans with disabilities
12 act for public conveyance or transportation of eligible persons, or the
13 refusing or withholding from any person the admission, patronage,
14 custom, presence, frequenting, dwelling, staying, or lodging in any
15 place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement, except
16 for conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all
17 persons, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, the
18 presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of
19 a trained guide dog or service dog by a disabled person: PROVIDED,

1 That this section shall not be construed to require structural changes,
2 modifications, or additions to make any place accessible to a disabled
3 person except as otherwise required by law: PROVIDED, That behavior or
4 actions constituting a risk to property or other persons can be grounds
5 for refusal and shall not constitute an unfair practice.

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