
SENATE BILL 5162

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By Senators Deccio, Bauer, Benton, Winsley and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to removal of vegetation; and adding a new section
2 to chapter 64.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 64.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Any property owner cutting down, falling, trimming, or otherwise
7 removing any tree or other plant on the property because of disease or
8 endangerment to persons or property, may not be required by any
9 governmental entity to obtain permission for the action. Any forester,
10 arborist, or expert costs in determining the values of trees, plants,
11 or other vegetation for any statute, ordinance, or rule shall be paid
12 exclusively by the governmental entity requiring the value
13 determination.

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