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1 AN ACT Relating to parking places for persons living on or near an
2 institution of higher education; and amending RCW 46.61.570.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.570 and 1977 ex.s. c 151 s 40 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or
7 in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or
8 official traffic control device, no person shall:

9 (a) Stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

10 (i) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the
11 edge or curb of a street;

12 (ii) On a sidewalk or street planting strip;

13 (iii) Within an intersection;

14 (iv) On a crosswalk;

15 (v) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty
16 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety
17 zone, unless official signs or markings indicate a different no-parking
18 area opposite the ends of a safety zone;

1 (vi) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction
2 when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic;

3 (vii) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or
4 within a highway tunnel;

5 (viii) On any railroad tracks;

6 (ix) In the area between roadways of a divided highway including
7 crossovers; or

8 (x) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

9 (b) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except
10 momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers:

11 (i) In front of a public or private driveway or within five feet of
12 the end of the curb radius leading thereto;

13 (ii) Within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant;

14 (iii) Within twenty feet of a crosswalk;

15 (iv) Within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing signal,
16 stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of
17 a roadway;

18 (v) Within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station
19 and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station
20 within seventy-five feet of said entrance when properly signposted; or

21 (vi) At any place where official signs prohibit standing.

22 (c) Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for
23 the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading
24 property or passengers:

25 (i) Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
26 or

27 (ii) At any place where official signs prohibit parking.

28 (2) Parking or standing shall be permitted in the manner provided
29 by law at all other places except a time limit may be imposed or
30 parking restricted at other places but such limitation and restriction
31 shall be by city ordinance or county resolution or order of the
32 secretary of transportation upon highways under their respective
33 jurisdictions.

34 (3) No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his or her
35 control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such a
36 distance as is unlawful.

37 (4) (~~It shall be~~) (a) Except for those persons residing near an
38 institution of higher education, as provided in (b) of this subsection,
39 it is unlawful for any person to reserve or attempt to reserve any

1 portion of a highway for the purpose of stopping, standing, or parking
2 to the exclusion of any other like person, nor shall any person be
3 granted such right.

4 (b) To protect the rights of homeowners on or near college or
5 university property, those persons who reside on or near an institution
6 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, are exempt from the
7 restrictions prescribed in (a) of this subsection. The municipality in
8 which the institution is located shall establish the boundaries within
9 which a homeowner may be granted exempt status, and the procedures
10 necessary to ensure the availability of a parking space, which must be
11 located directly adjacent to the residence of the requesting homeowner,
12 for the exclusive use of the legal homeowner. The municipality shall
13 also provide the appropriate signage and subsequent installation, along
14 with appropriate enforcement measures.

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