
SENATE BILL 5824

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By Senators Heavey, Patterson and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to travel by public officers and employees; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 42.04 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 42.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 First class and business class commercial air carrier
7 accommodations may not be used by a state or local government officer,
8 whether elected or appointed, and a state or local government employee
9 who travels by commercial airlines in the discharge of the duties of
10 his or her position or employment at public expense unless otherwise
11 required as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities or
12 where an emergency would warrant the travel. An officer or employee of
13 a local government may be authorized to travel by business or
14 equivalent class in cases of international travel if (1) a single leg
15 of the trip involves a commercial airline flight of at least ten hours
16 duration, (2) the traveler engages in official business within twelve
17 hours of arrival at the destination, and (3) business or equivalent
18 class travel on the particular trip is expressly authorized at a public

1 meeting by the governing body of the local government for which the
2 traveler is an officer or employee.

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