
SENATE BILL 5392

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By Senator Hochstatter

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1 AN ACT Relating to administrative rule making; adding a new section
2 to chapter 34.05 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The regulated community is composed largely of people who try
6 to comply with the rules they are aware of, but who are often
7 frustrated by the complexity of the regulatory system.

8 (2) Agencies use old laws to adopt new rules without returning to
9 the legislature for authorization.

10 It is the intent of the legislature to correct this problem by
11 requiring agencies to return to the legislature after two years for
12 authorization to adopt new rules.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an
16 agency's statutory authority to adopt new rules or amend previously
17 adopted rules expires two years after the effective date of any statute
18 that the agency cites as its authority for adopting the new or amended

1 rule, or two years after the effective date of this act, whichever is
2 later.

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