
HOUSE BILL 1209

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By Representative Morris

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Telecommunications & Energy.

1 AN ACT Relating to space and satellite systems; adding a new
2 section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.36
3 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) In computing tax, there may be deducted from the measure of tax
8 amounts derived as compensation for goods or services involved in space
9 exploration or satellite deployment, launch, control, or
10 telecommunication.

11 (2) As used in this section:

12 (a) "Space exploration" means exploring the region beyond the
13 earth's atmosphere.

14 (b) "Satellite" means a man-made object or vehicle intended to
15 orbit the earth, the moon, or another celestial body.

16 (c) "Satellite communication" means the use of geostationary
17 orbiting satellites to relay transmissions from one sending earth
18 station to another earth station or to multiple other earth stations.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.36 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) Real and personal property owned or used by a person in the
4 production or provision of goods and services used in space exploration
5 or satellite deployment, launch, control, or telecommunication is
6 exempt from taxation.

7 (2) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Space exploration" means exploring the region beyond the
9 earth's atmosphere.

10 (b) "Satellite" means a man-made object or vehicle intended to
11 orbit the earth, the moon, or another celestial body.

12 (c) "Satellite communication" means the use of geostationary
13 orbiting satellites to relay transmissions from one sending earth
14 station to another earth station or to multiple other earth stations.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
18 July 1, 2001.

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