
HOUSE BILL 2197

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By Representative Bush

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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating criminal penalties for trapping the
2 common mouse, rat, or mole; and amending RCW 77.15.190.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.15.190 and 1999 c 258 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of unlawful trapping if the person:

7 (a) Sets out traps that are capable of taking wild animals, game
8 animals, or furbearing mammals and does not possess all licenses, tags,
9 or permits required under this title;

10 (b) Violates any rule of the commission or director regarding
11 seasons, bag or possession limits, closed areas including game
12 reserves, closed times, or any other rule governing the trapping of
13 wild animals; or

14 (c) Fails to identify the owner of the traps or devices by neither
15 (i) attaching a metal tag with the owner's department-assigned
16 identification number or the name and address of the trapper legibly
17 written in numbers or letters not less than one-eighth inch in height
18 nor (ii) inscribing into the metal of the trap such number or name and
19 address.

- 1 (2) Trapping a common rat, mouse, or mole is not unlawful trapping.
- 2 (3) Unlawful trapping is a misdemeanor.

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