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By Representatives Morris, Reardon, Haigh, Linville, Grant, Gombosky, Quall, Hatfield, Kessler, Anderson, Miloscia and Nixon

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1 AN ACT Relating to a permitting bill of rights; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 1.20 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 1.20 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds that uncertainty in government processes to
7 permit an activity by a citizen of Washington state is undesirable and
8 erodes confidence in government.

9 Citizens of the state of Washington have the following rights when
10 asked for a permit, license, or permission to engage in a lawful
11 activity:

12 (1) Right to a specific date in time for a yes or no decision on
13 permits;

14 (2) Right to a defined amount of information required to award
15 permit by permitting authority before any application for permits can
16 be accepted;

17 (3) Right to know the exact maximum amount of costs in fees,
18 studies, or public processes that will be incurred by the permit
19 applicant;

1 (4) Right to recover all costs and time lost in permitting
2 processes from permitting authorities for transgressions or violations
3 or abuse of authority in the rights set forth in this section, through
4 civil process.

5 These rights apply to permits, licenses, or other legal activity
6 granting devices from all government entities chartered in the state of
7 Washington for all laws or rules adopted after July 1, 2002, or all
8 laws or rules changed or amended after July 1, 2002.

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