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SENATE BILL 5081

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By Senators Haugen and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to wild animal care facilities; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 77.12 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 77.12 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department may adopt rules to regulate the activities of  
7 persons and facilities that care for and rehabilitate injured,  
8 diseased, or abandoned wildlife. Upon adoption of such rules by the  
9 department, it is unlawful for any person to possess wildlife for the  
10 purpose of rehabilitation without first obtaining a current and valid  
11 permit to do so under rules adopted under this section. A permit to  
12 care for and rehabilitate these animals issued under this section is  
13 valid for one year and may be renewed by the department.

14 (2) The department is authorized to create a program that provides  
15 financial resources and technical assistance to persons and facilities  
16 permitted under this section.

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