
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5986

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Long, Regala and Hargrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to regulation of county or local government-owned
2 psychiatric facilities; and amending RCW 71.12.455 and 71.12.460.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.12.455 and 2000 c 93 s 21 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 As used in this chapter, "establishment" and "institution" mean and
7 include every private or county or municipal hospital, sanitarium,
8 home, or other place receiving or caring for any mentally ill, mentally
9 incompetent person, or chemically dependent person.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.12.460 and 2000 c 93 s 22 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 No person, association, county, municipality, or corporation, shall
13 establish or keep, for compensation or hire, an establishment as
14 defined in this chapter without first having obtained a license
15 therefor from the department of health, complied with rules adopted
16 under this chapter, and paid the license fee provided in this chapter.
17 Any person who carries on, conducts, or attempts to carry on or conduct
18 an establishment as defined in this chapter without first having

1 obtained a license from the department of health, as in this chapter
2 provided, is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be
3 punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or
4 by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and
5 imprisonment. The managing and executive officers of any corporation
6 violating the provisions of this chapter shall be liable under the
7 provisions of this chapter in the same manner and to the same effect as
8 a private individual violating the same.

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