
SENATE BILL 5047

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1 AN ACT Relating to siting of secure community transition
2 facilities; amending RCW 71.09.260; creating a new section; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the siting of
6 secure community transition facilities in residential neighborhoods
7 presents unacceptable dangers and stresses to families. Further, the
8 siting of these facilities disproportionately frightens the children
9 and parents of residential neighborhoods. The legislature also finds
10 that the goals of the growth management act to preserve and protect the
11 rural character of our agricultural lands need reinforcement to
12 preserve farming and that secure community transition facilities
13 threaten its efforts to preserve agriculture. The legislature intends
14 to protect families from disproportionate fear and stress and the goals
15 of the growth management act by limiting the siting of secure community
16 transition facilities to sites previously zoned for industrial use.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.09.260 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 12 s 206 are each
18 amended to read as follows:

1 The provisions of chapter 12, Laws of 2001 2nd sp. sess. shall
2 (~~not~~) be construed to limit siting of secure community transition
3 facilities to (~~residential neighborhoods~~) properties zoned for
4 industrial use.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
8 immediately.

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