
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5234

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By Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Keiser, Reardon, Kohl-Welles and Fairley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to skate parks; and adding a new section to chapter
2 67.20 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 67.20 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1)(a) Any person using or riding on a skateboard, bicycle,
7 scooter, or roller skates within a publicly owned or operated skate
8 park shall wear an approved protective helmet.

9 (b) The management of the publicly owned or operated skate park may
10 remove from or deny access to the skate park anyone violating (a) of
11 this subsection.

12 (2) For the purposes of this section:

13 (a) "Approved protective helmet" means a head covering that meets
14 or exceeds safety standards adopted by a national standards testing
15 institute, such as the American society for testing and materials,
16 snell foundation, or United States consumer product safety commission.

17 (b) "Bicycle" means every device propelled solely by human power
18 upon which a person or persons may ride, having two tandem wheels,
19 either of which is sixteen inches or more in diameter, or three wheels,

1 any one of which is more than twenty inches in diameter. For the
2 purposes of this section, the term "bicycle" shall include a bicycle
3 with training wheels, or any attached trailer, side car, and/or other
4 device designed to be, and being, towed by a bicycle.

5 (c) "Roller skates" means a skate with at least four wheels,
6 whether in-line or not, for skating on surfaces other than ice.

7 (d) "Scooter" means a board mounted upon or between two or more
8 small wheels and controlled by an upright steering handle.

9 (e) "Skateboard" means a foot board mounted upon four or more
10 wheels and is usually propelled by the user who sometimes stands, sits,
11 kneels, or lays upon the device while it is in motion.

12 (f) "Skate park" means an indoor or outdoor ramp, course, or area
13 specifically designated for the exclusive recreational or sporting use
14 of skateboards, bicycles, scooters, or roller skates. The term does
15 not include property used at any time as a public sidewalk, footpath,
16 vehicle parking lot, multiple use trail, multiple use greenway, or
17 other public way.

18 (3) Nothing in this section creates a duty on behalf of owners or
19 operators of public skate parks to enforce this section.

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