
SENATE BILL 5740

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By Senator Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to gray wolf management; and adding a new section
2 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 commission shall protect gray wolves and develop management
7 programs on publicly owned lands that will encourage the natural
8 regeneration of gray wolves in areas with suitable habitat. Gray
9 wolves may not be transplanted, augmented, or introduced into the
10 state. Only gray wolves that are native to Washington state may be
11 utilized by the department for management programs. The department is
12 directed to fully participate in all discussions and negotiations with
13 federal and state agencies relating to the management of gray wolves
14 and shall fully communicate, support, and implement the policies of
15 this section.

16 (2)(a) For any person or circumstance, whether or not subject to
17 the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the provisions of
18 this subsection (2) apply.

1 (b) A person releasing a gray wolf within Washington state's
2 borders, or near our state or international borders with full knowledge
3 that the natural range of the gray wolf released may extend into
4 Washington state, shall:

5 (i) Implant each gray wolf to be released with a microchip
6 containing, at a minimum, the following specific information for that
7 particular gray wolf: (A) The date and location, by township, range,
8 and section, of original capture; (B) the date and location, by
9 township, range, and section, of any release or planned release; and
10 (C) labeling methods and information to facilitate tracking of the DNA
11 sample obtained from that particular gray wolf.

12 (ii) Obtain, and transmit in a timely manner to the director, a DNA
13 sample from each gray wolf to be released, along with documentation
14 providing the following specific information for that particular gray
15 wolf: (A) The date and location, by township, range, and section, of
16 original capture; (B) the date and location, by township, range, and
17 section, of any subsequent, actual release; (C) the type and location
18 of the microchip planted; and (D) labeling methods and information to
19 facilitate tracking of the DNA sample obtained from that particular
20 gray wolf.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
22 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
23 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
24 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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