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1            AN ACT Relating to obesity lawsuits; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 7.72 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 7.72 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Any manufacturer, distributor, or seller of a food or  
7 nonalcoholic beverage intended for human consumption shall not be  
8 subject to civil liability for personal injury or wrongful death based  
9 on an individual's consumption of food or nonalcoholic beverages in  
10 cases where liability is premised upon the individual's weight gain,  
11 obesity, or a health condition related to weight gain or obesity and  
12 resulting from the individual's long-term consumption of a food or  
13 nonalcoholic beverage.

14            (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "long-term  
15 consumption" means the cumulative effect of the consumption of food or  
16 nonalcoholic beverages, and not the effect of a single instance of  
17 consumption.

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