

---

HOUSE BILL 1498

---

State of Washington                      59th Legislature                      2005 Regular Session

By Representatives Blake, McCoy, Wallace, Kretz, Buck and Chase

Read first time 01/26/2005.                      Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

1            AN ACT Relating to barred owls; adding a new section to chapter  
2 77.15 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.15 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) It is unlawful for any private citizen or public employee to  
7 release from captivity anywhere in the state a barred owl (*Strix varia*)  
8 or a barred owl/spotted owl hybrid (*Strix occidentalis* x *Strix varia*)  
9 that has been captured alive pursuant to the authority granted in a  
10 federal permit.

11            (2) A violation of this section shall be punished as a natural  
12 resource infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

--- END ---