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SENATE BILL 6137

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By Senators Stevens, Benton, Benson and Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to abandonment of duties during a state of  
2 emergency; adding a new section to chapter 41.08 RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 41.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.14  
4 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.08 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 Every person holding an office, place, position, or employment  
9 under the provisions of this chapter, who abandons his or her duties  
10 during a state of emergency, as defined in RCW 43.06.210, shall be  
11 immediately discharged.

12 For the purposes of this section, "abandons" means that the person  
13 is absent without leave from an assigned shift or work station and the  
14 person has expressed, either by statement or conduct, intent to abstain  
15 from carrying out his or her duties, despite an ability to exercise  
16 such duties.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.12 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1 Every person holding an office, place, position, or employment  
2 under the provisions of this chapter, who abandons his or her duties  
3 during a state of emergency, as defined in RCW 43.06.210, shall be  
4 immediately discharged.

5 For the purposes of this section, "abandons" has the same meaning  
6 as provided in section 1 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 41.14 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 Every person holding an office, place, position, or employment  
10 under the provisions of this chapter, who abandons his or her duties  
11 during a state of emergency, as defined in RCW 43.06.210, shall be  
12 immediately discharged.

13 For the purposes of this section, "abandons" has the same meaning  
14 as provided in section 1 of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 Every Washington state patrol officer who abandons his or her  
18 duties during a state of emergency, as defined in RCW 43.06.210, shall  
19 be immediately discharged.

20 For the purposes of this section, "abandons" has the same meaning  
21 as provided in section 1 of this act.

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