
SENATE BILL 6203

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By Senators Jacobsen, Keiser and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring businesses to offer rain checks for
2 out of stock advertised merchandise; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 19.86 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.86 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) No person may sell, offer for sale, or advertise items of
8 merchandise for sale at a discount from the normal retail price without
9 offering a rain check for sale items that become out of stock during an
10 advertised sale period unless: (a) All advertisements for sale clearly
11 indicate the quantity of items available at the sale price and clearly
12 state that no rain checks are offered; or (b) a customer accepts a
13 comparable discount on a comparable item.

14 (2) No person may offer a retail promotional giveaway of items of
15 merchandise without offering a rain check for promotional items that
16 become out of stock during an advertised sale period unless: (a) All
17 advertisements for the promotional giveaway clearly indicate the
18 quantity of items available and clearly state that no rain checks are
19 offered; or (b) a customer accepts a comparable item.

1 (3) A rain check must be redeemable by the retailer for a period of
2 thirty days from the date of issue.

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