
SENATE BILL 6535

State of Washington

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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to aquatic lands; adding new sections to chapter
2 79.105 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 79.105 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A city with a population of five hundred thousand or greater has
7 sixty days from the effective date of this section to negotiate a lease
8 of aquatic lands with the department. If the city fails to negotiate
9 the lease of aquatic lands, the department may:

10 (1) Impose the lease conditions of a county with a population of
11 one million or greater; or

12 (2) Enforce the provisions of section 2 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 79.105 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) A city with a population of five hundred thousand or greater
16 must agree to all department lease conditions for leased aquatic lands
17 or the department must cancel the lease and put the lease up for bid.

1 (2) If a city with a population of five hundred thousand or greater
2 fails to vacate the leased aquatic lands within thirty days of the
3 lease cancellation, then the department must assess a one thousand
4 dollar per day penalty on the city, with the funds going into the
5 aquatic lands enhancement account, created in RCW 79.105.150.

6 (3) The city is fully liable for all damages to the aquatic lands,
7 including past environmental damage, thirty days after failure to
8 vacate the leased lands.

9 (4) The department shall submit a report to the legislature by
10 January 1, 2007, reporting on the status of this act in order to ensure
11 that the intent of the legislature is carried out.

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