
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2244

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by
Representatives Miloscia, Ormsby and Santos)

READ FIRST TIME 02/23/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to homeless tent encampments; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.185C 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 43.185C
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Due to concerns about maintaining freedom of religious
7 expression, religious organizations shall not be restricted from
8 hosting temporary encampments for the homeless. A temporary encampment
9 may be subject to reasonable compliance requirements related to public
10 health and safety. Fines may only be levied in cases in which the
11 religious organization has clearly endangered the public health or
12 safety of the community due to the presence of the temporary
13 encampment.

14 (2) Any applicable permit fees for temporary encampments may not
15 exceed five hundred dollars.

16 (3) Counties, cities, and towns must respond to temporary
17 encampment permit applications submitted on behalf of religious
18 organizations within sixty days.

1 (4) No county, city, or town shall set less than ninety days as the
2 maximum duration for temporary encampments.

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