
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5106

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By Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Murray, and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal emergency operations; adding new sections
2 to chapter 38.52 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The Washington state military department's emergency management
7 division, in cooperation with the state department of agriculture and
8 county and local governments, shall prepare, as part of the state
9 comprehensive emergency management plan, animal emergency operations
10 guidance for local jurisdictions that provides for the evacuation,
11 transportation, and temporary sheltering of pets and service animals as
12 defined in RCW 70.84.021 during a major disaster or an emergency.

13 (2) The division, in developing the guidance, shall consider:

14 (a) Allowing owners of service animals to be evacuated,
15 transported, and sheltered with or near their service animals;

16 (b) Establishing a sufficient number of evacuation shelters
17 equipped to temporarily shelter pets and service animals in close
18 proximity to a human sheltering facility;

1 (c) Allowing owners and their pets to be evacuated together,
2 whenever possible, provided that human life is not endangered;

3 (d) Transporting pets or service animals, in cages or carriers that
4 safely and securely confine the animals, in an impending major disaster
5 or emergency provided that such transportation does not endanger human
6 life;

7 (e) Recommending that animal shelters, humane societies, veterinary
8 offices, boarding kennels, breeders, grooming facilities, animal
9 testing facilities, and any other entity that normally houses pets or
10 service animals create evacuation plans for the animals housed at their
11 facilities;

12 (f) Recommending guidance for holding periods for pets or service
13 animals that are sheltered during a major disaster or an emergency; and

14 (g) Encouraging local jurisdictions to create an educational
15 campaign for owners of pets or service animals that will encourage
16 owners to plan for and incorporate their animals in the owners'
17 personal plans in the event of a major disaster or an emergency.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) The state department of agriculture, in cooperation with the
21 state military department's emergency management division and county
22 and local governments, shall prepare, as part of the state
23 comprehensive emergency management plan, livestock emergency operations
24 guidance as defined in RCW 16.57.010.

25 (2) The state department of agriculture, in developing the
26 guidance, shall consider:

27 (a) Methods for providing adequate food and water for livestock
28 during a major disaster or an emergency;

29 (b) Methods for providing livestock with adequate shelter or
30 protection from harsh weather conditions during a major disaster or an
31 emergency;

32 (c) Encouraging local jurisdictions to create and promote an
33 educational campaign for owners of livestock that will encourage owners
34 to plan for and incorporate their livestock in the owners' personal
35 plans in the event of a major disaster or an emergency.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The code reviser shall alphabetize and
2 renumber the definitions in RCW 38.52.010.

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