
SENATE BILL 5580

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser and Franklin

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring tanning facility businesses to post
2 cancer warning signs; adding new sections to chapter 70.01 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that many
6 health care providers, medical associations and organizations, and
7 scientists now warn that the risk of skin cancer associated with
8 suntanning are greater when tanning with artificial ultraviolet light.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.01 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
12 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

13 (1) "Tanning facility" means any location, place, area, structure,
14 or business that provides persons access to any tanning device.

15 (2) "Tanning device" means any equipment that emits electromagnetic
16 radiation with wavelengths in the air between two hundred and four
17 hundred nanometers used for tanning of the skin including, but not
18 limited to, a sunlamp, tanning booth, or tanning bed. "Tanning device"

1 does not include equipment that emits ultraviolet radiation used by a
2 health care professional in the treatment of a medical or mental health
3 condition.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A tanning facility shall post a warning sign in any area where
7 a tanning device is used. The sign shall read as follows:

8 DANGER: ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION

9 Repeated exposure may cause skin cancer.

10 (2) The sign required by subsection (1) of this section shall be of
11 a size and in a location on the premises that allows it to be easily
12 read by users before being exposed to the tanning device.

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