

ESSB 5186 - H AMD 493

By Representative Ladenburg

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1 On page 1, after line 14, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 79A.45.010 and 1991 c 75 s 1 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The operator of any ski area shall maintain a sign system
5 based on international or national standards and as may be required by
6 the state parks and recreation commission.

7 All signs for instruction of the public shall be bold in design
8 with wording short, simple, and to the point. All such signs shall be
9 prominently placed.

10 Entrances to all machinery, operators', and attendants' rooms
11 shall be posted to the effect that unauthorized persons are not
12 permitted therein.

13 The sign "Working on Lift" or a similar warning sign shall be hung
14 on the main disconnect switch and at control points for starting the
15 auxiliary or prime mover when a person is working on the passenger
16 tramway.

17 (2) All signs required for normal daytime operation shall be in
18 place, and those pertaining to the tramway, lift, or tow operations
19 shall be adequately lighted for night skiing.

20 (3) If a particular trail or run has been closed to the public by
21 an operator, the operator shall place a notice (~~thereof~~) of the
22 closure at the top of the trail or run involved, and no person
23 (~~shall~~) may ski on a run or trail (~~which~~) that has been designated
24 "Closed". The sign indicating the closure must include notice that a
25 person who skis in a closed area may be charged with the crime of
26 criminal trespass in the second degree.

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1 (4) An operator shall place a notice at the embarking terminal or
2 terminals of a lift or tow which has been closed that the lift or tow
3 has been closed and that a person embarking on such a lift or tow
4 shall be considered to be a trespasser.

5 (5) Any snow making machines or equipment shall be clearly visible
6 and clearly marked. Snow grooming equipment or any other vehicles
7 shall be equipped with a yellow flashing light at any time the vehicle
8 is moving on or in the vicinity of a ski run; however, low profile
9 vehicles, such as snowmobiles, may be identified in the alternative
10 with a flag on a mast of not less than six feet in height.

11 (6) The operator of any ski area shall maintain a readily visible
12 sign on each rope tow, wire rope tow, j-bar, t-bar, ski lift, or other
13 similar device, advising the users of the device that:

14 (a) Any person not familiar with the operation of the lift shall
15 ask the operator thereof for assistance and/or instruction; and

16 (b) The skiing-ability level recommended for users of the lift and
17 the runs served by the device shall be classified "easiest", "more
18 difficult", and "most difficult".

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20 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the operator of a ski area to post notice
indicating that a person who skis in a closed area may be charged
with the crime of criminal trespass in the second degree.

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