
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2353

State of Washington

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By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Rodne and Haler)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to actions for trespass upon a business owner's
2 premises; adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW; and prescribing
3 penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A business owner has a cause of action for trespass against any
8 person who intentionally enters or remains unlawfully upon the business
9 owner's premises in violation of a written notice, provided by the
10 business owner to the person, notifying the person that: (a) He or she
11 is prohibited from reentering the premises; and (b) any reentry of the
12 person onto the premises in violation of the notice constitutes
13 trespass and is subject to the penalty established in this section.

14 (2) In any action under subsection (1) of this section, a business
15 owner may recover actual damages, or elect to recover statutory damages
16 in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars.

17 (3) As used in this section, the word "person" does not include an
18 employee or government contractor performing duties pursuant to law on

1 behalf of: (a) Any department, agency, or office of the state; or (b)
2 any political subdivision of the state.

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