
SENATE BILL 6380

State of Washington

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By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing conflicts and ambiguity of law by
2 eliminating certain laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, and
3 regulations; and adding a new section to chapter 1.08 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any codified law or administrative law, including, but not
8 limited to, any statute, ordinance, regulation, or rule, that is
9 enacted, adopted, or otherwise established and made binding within
10 the boundaries of the state of Washington that is irrelevant,
11 outdated, overridden by more current law, in conflict with other
12 provisions of law, or validly deemed unenforceable by a court of law
13 with jurisdiction over any such laws may be brought before the
14 legislature and removed from current law and repealed by a
15 constitutional majority vote of both the house of representatives and
16 the senate.

17 (2) Any such codified law or administrative law may be brought
18 forth by a legislator, an attorney, or a citizen of the state of
19 Washington no less than sixty days prior to the beginning of any
20 regular session requesting that the law be removed and repealed, and
21 the law shall be placed upon a list that must be made available to

1 all legislators for review during the interim. For each law submitted
2 for removal and repeal the person submitting the law shall provide a
3 detailed explanation describing in full why the specific law should
4 be removed and repealed.

5 (3) No legislative committee shall be used to make any
6 determination on the removal and repeal of such laws; however, the
7 appropriate committee staff shall review the explanation given for
8 such removal and repeal and provide legislators an objective,
9 impartial analysis of the request but shall not provide a
10 recommendation whether or not the law should be removed and repealed.

11 (4) The list of such laws must be brought before the rules
12 committee in the house or senate, as appropriate, in a timely manner
13 and the committee must vote whether or not to move the list to the
14 floor for a vote during a regularly scheduled meeting of the house or
15 senate. The list of such laws may be voted upon as a whole or in part
16 as determined by the house or senate; provided that if there is no
17 agreement between the house and senate as to whether the list of such
18 laws will be voted upon as a whole or in part the list shall be voted
19 upon in part as originally submitted section by section, chapter by
20 chapter, or otherwise as submitted.

21 (5) Any such laws that the house and the senate have voted to be
22 removed and repealed must have an immediate effective date and,
23 unless there is an executive veto, such laws shall be removed from
24 the books no later than one hundred twenty days from the date the act
25 became law.

26 (6) Any codified law or administrative law, including, but not
27 limited to, any statute, ordinance, regulation, or rule, that has
28 been removed by this procedure cannot be reintroduced or adopted in
29 any form in the future other than as legislation that must be duly
30 adopted through the legislative process.

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