
HOUSE BILL 1332

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By Representatives Fey, Stambaugh, and Jinkins

Read first time 01/17/17. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to dangerous objects on county roads and bridges;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 36.85 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.85
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Whenever there exists upon the right-of-way of any county
7 road or bridge, or off the right-of-way thereof in sufficiently close
8 proximity thereto, any structure, device, or natural or artificial
9 thing that threatens or endangers the county road or bridge or any
10 portion thereof, that tends to endanger persons traveling thereon, or
11 that obstructs or tends to obstruct or constitutes a hazard to
12 vehicles or persons traveling thereon, the structure, device, or
13 natural or artificial thing is declared to be a public nuisance, and
14 the county may take such action as may be necessary to effect its
15 abatement. Any such structure, device, or natural or artificial thing
16 considered by the county to be immediately or eminently dangerous to
17 travel upon a county road or bridge may be immediately removed, and
18 the removal in no event constitutes a breach of the peace or
19 trespass.

20 (2) Logs dumped on any county road or bridge or in any county
21 road drainage ditch due to equipment failure or for any other reason

1 must be removed immediately. Logs remaining within the county road or
2 bridge or rights-of-way thereof for a period of thirty days must be
3 confiscated and removed or disposed of as directed by the county.

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