
SENATE BILL 6243

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By Senator Braun

1 AN ACT Relating to embedment-style anchors for mooring buoys;
2 amending RCW 90.58.355; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that embedment-style
5 anchors are recognized as environmentally low-impact structures when
6 used in mooring buoy systems. The Washington department of fish and
7 wildlife prefers embedment-style anchors for mooring buoys in areas
8 with submerged aquatic vegetation, and does not require a seagrass
9 and macroalgae habitat survey if an embedment-style mooring anchor is
10 installed. Acknowledging that embedment-style anchors for mooring
11 buoys are consistent with the policies for shoreline development
12 expressed in RCW 90.58.020, the legislature intends to eliminate the
13 additional regulatory burden imposed under the shoreline management
14 act of 1971 for installation of certain mooring buoys using
15 embedment-style anchors.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 90.58.355 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 15 s 9 are each
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Requirements to obtain a substantial development permit,
19 conditional use permit, variance, letter of exemption, or other

1 review conducted by a local government to implement this chapter do
2 not apply to:

3 (1) Any person conducting a remedial action at a facility
4 pursuant to a consent decree, order, or agreed order issued pursuant
5 to chapter 70.105D RCW, or to the department of ecology when it
6 conducts a remedial action under chapter 70.105D RCW. The department
7 must ensure compliance with the substantive requirements of this
8 chapter through the consent decree, order, or agreed order issued
9 pursuant to chapter 70.105D RCW, or during the department-conducted
10 remedial action, through the procedures developed by the department
11 pursuant to RCW 70.105D.090;

12 (2) Any person installing site improvements for stormwater
13 treatment in an existing boatyard facility to meet requirements of a
14 national pollutant discharge elimination system stormwater general
15 permit. The department must ensure compliance with the substantive
16 requirements of this chapter through the review of engineering
17 reports, site plans, and other documents related to the installation
18 of boatyard stormwater treatment facilities; ((~~or~~))

19 (3) The department of transportation projects and activities that
20 meet the conditions of RCW 90.58.356; or

21 (4) Any person installing an embedment-style anchor for a mooring
22 buoy designed to serve pleasure craft.

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