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By Senators Sheldon, Rivers, Hobbs, O'Ban, Fortunato, Schoesler, Ericksen, Honeyford, and Wilson, L.

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of ecology to develop
2 a waste discharge general permit to reduce pollution resulting from
3 the unauthorized use of public streets by owners or occupants of
4 recreational vehicles or campers; and adding a new section to chapter
5 90.48 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) By January 1, 2021, the department shall develop and issue a
10 waste discharge general permit designed to reduce pollution resulting
11 from the unauthorized use of public streets by owners or occupants of
12 recreational vehicles or campers. The permit shall apply in every
13 city and town that abuts Puget Sound. The owner or occupant of a
14 recreational vehicle or camper engaged in the unauthorized use of a
15 public street must be covered by, and shall comply with, the permit
16 authorized under this section. If the owner or occupant of a
17 recreational vehicle or camper subject to this section is unknown or
18 cannot be located, the city or town where the covered discharge is
19 occurring shall contact the department and propose actions the city
20 or town may take to mitigate the effects of pollution resulting from

1 the unauthorized use of public streets by the owner or occupant of
2 the recreational vehicle or camper.

3 (2) A person subject to the permit authorized in subsection (1)
4 of this section is a point source discharger of pollution for the
5 purposes of this section.

6 (3) For the purposes of this section, "general permit" means a
7 permit that covers multiple dischargers of a point source category
8 within a designated geographical area, in lieu of individual permits
9 being issued to each discharger.

10 (4) For the purposes of this section, "point source" includes the
11 entry of human waste into any type of public drainage or stormwater
12 conveyance system that is not connected to a wastewater treatment
13 plant, resulting from the direct depositing of human waste into such
14 system, or as the result of the human waste entering such system as
15 runoff from a public street or other public area.

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