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By Senators Nguyen and Wilson, C.

1 AN ACT Relating to adult entertainers; adding a new chapter to
2 Title 49 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
6 otherwise.

7 (1) "Adult entertainment" has the same meaning as in RCW
8 49.17.470.

9 (2) "Adult entertainment establishment" or "establishment" has
10 the same meaning as in RCW 49.17.470.

11 (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

12 (4) "Entertainer" has the same meaning as in RCW 49.17.470.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) An adult entertainment establishment
14 may not charge a fee or offer any monetary inducement to an
15 entertainer who is not an employee under RCW 49.17.020 in return for
16 the entertainer agreeing to a regular schedule of a performance or
17 performances whether in a performance lease or otherwise.

18 (2)(a) Establishments may offer nonmonetary benefits to an
19 entertainer, who is not an employee under RCW 49.17.020, who agrees
20 to a regular schedule of a performance or performances whether in a

1 performance lease or otherwise. Such nonmonetary benefits may include
2 providing:

- 3 (i) For the entertainer's convenience or comfort;
- 4 (ii) Complimentary items limited to clothing, makeup, or
5 accessories; or
- 6 (iii) A private dressing room.

7 (b) Nonscheduled entertainers may not be blocked from accessing
8 or using locker rooms, nonprivate dressing rooms, or any other area
9 in which entertainers prepare for performances.

10 (3) (a) An adult entertainment establishment may not charge an
11 entertainer any cancellation, rebooking, or similar type fee for any
12 performance or performance lease canceled by the entertainer if:

- 13 (i) The entertainer gives the establishment notice of
14 cancellation at least twenty-four hours in advance; or
- 15 (ii) An establishment contracts with an additional entertainer
16 for the same or similar performance time as the canceled performance.

17 (b) Any cancellation fee may not exceed the equivalent of two
18 hours of the local minimum wage.

19 (4) The establishment may not charge any leasing fee that is
20 greater than thirty percent of the entertainment fees collected by
21 the entertainer during this leased date and time excluding tips paid
22 to the entertainer if the following conditions are met:

- 23 (a) The entertainer is not an employee under RCW 49.17.020;
- 24 (b) The entertainer agrees to lease performance space from the
25 establishment for at least four or more consecutive hours;
- 26 (c) The entertainer remains on the establishment's premises for
27 the duration of this leased time; and
- 28 (d) The total amount the entertainer has been paid by customers
29 to perform an exhibition, performance, or dance of any type is less
30 than the leasing fee for this leased date and time.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) If an adult entertainment
32 establishment contracts with an entertainer who is not an employee
33 under RCW 49.17.020, the establishment must allow the entertainer to
34 collect payment from customers prior to or during the entertainer
35 performing any exhibition, performance, or dance of any type.

36 (2) No city, county, or other political subdivision of this state
37 may prohibit or otherwise prevent entertainers from collecting any
38 form of payment from customers prior to or during the entertainer
39 performing any exhibition, performance, or dance of any type.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The only debt or loan an entertainer who
2 is not an employee under RCW 49.17.020 may incur to an adult
3 entertainment establishment must be amounts for city licensing fees
4 and cancellation fees pursuant to section 2 of this act. An adult
5 entertainment establishment may not require payments on any debt or
6 loan from an entertainer exceeding thirty percent of the
7 entertainment fees collected by the entertainer during any leased
8 date and time excluding tips paid to the entertainer.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Upon complaint by an entertainer, the
10 director of the department may investigate to determine if there has
11 been compliance with this chapter. The director may also initiate an
12 investigation on behalf of one or more entertainers for a violation
13 of this chapter.

14 (2) Any violation of the provisions of this chapter or rules
15 adopted under this chapter shall be a class 1 civil infraction. The
16 maximum penalty and default amount is five hundred dollars. The
17 director shall have the authority to issue and enforce civil
18 infractions according to chapter 7.80 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act
20 constitute a new chapter in Title 49 RCW.

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