
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5923

State of Washington

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By Senate Housing & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Robinson and Nguyen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to temporary shelters for persons experiencing
2 homelessness; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
4 36.70A RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 A city is not required to adopt or enforce, or may waive, any
9 state or local building codes applicable to temporary shelters. For
10 purposes of this section, "temporary shelter" means a use sited in a
11 new or existing structure or modular structure that provides
12 temporary sleeping and shelter accommodations for persons
13 experiencing homelessness; such use may include common areas for food
14 preparation, showers, or other commonly used facilities.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 A code city is not required to adopt or enforce, or may waive,
18 any state or local building codes applicable to temporary shelters.
19 For purposes of this section, "temporary shelter" means a use sited
20 in a new or existing structure or modular structure that provides

1 temporary sleeping and shelter accommodations for persons
2 experiencing homelessness; such use may include common areas for food
3 preparation, showers, or other commonly used facilities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 A county is not required to adopt or enforce, or may waive, any
7 state or local building codes applicable to temporary shelters within
8 an urban growth area. For purposes of this section, "temporary
9 shelter" means a use sited in a new or existing structure or modular
10 structure that provides temporary sleeping and shelter accommodations
11 for persons experiencing homelessness; such use may include common
12 areas for food preparation, showers, or other commonly used
13 facilities.

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