

SB 5487 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.38.020 and 2019 c 436 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Except where specifically authorized by the department, it is
6 unlawful for any person or persons to stop, stand, or park any
7 vehicle, including but not limited to trailers, campers, and
8 motorcycles, for more than eight hours within a (~~twenty-four~~) 24
9 hour period, or for any person or persons to camp or to maintain a
10 camp, tent, or other sleeping accommodation or facility, in any
11 safety rest area within the limits of the right-of-way of interstate
12 highways or other state highways or in other areas of state or
13 interstate highways as designated in RCW 47.12.250. The department
14 may also designate zones within a safety rest area with shorter
15 parking time limits for the purposes of maximum efficiency and
16 safety. Commercial vehicles may park up to an hour beyond federally
17 mandated rest periods.

18 (2) Except where specifically authorized by the department, it is
19 unlawful for any person or persons to stop, stand, or park any
20 disabled vehicle, including but not limited to trailers, campers, and
21 motorcycles, in any safety rest area for more than (~~forty-eight~~) 48
22 hours, after which time the vehicle is subject to mandatory
23 impoundment under RCW 46.55.080(1).

24 (3) The department shall post appropriate signage (~~consistent~~
25 ~~with RCW 46.55.070(1)~~) at all safety rest areas regarding the
26 parking time limits in this section. The signage shall be posted near
27 each entrance and on the property in a clearly conspicuous and
28 visible location to all who park on such property, and shall clearly
29 indicate:

30 (a) When a vehicle may be impounded as an unauthorized vehicle;
31 and

1 (b) A phone number for contacting the law enforcement agency or
2 the department to locate the impounded vehicle.

3 (4) The Washington state patrol shall enforce this section
4 consistent with RCW 46.55.080(1), and to the maximum extent
5 practicable."

6 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Restores current statutory language regarding only disabled vehicles being subject to mandatory impoundment when violating parking time restrictions at safety rest areas. Retains the updated requirements for signage pertaining to parking time limits and impoundment at safety rest areas.

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