
SENATE BILL 5179

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By Senators Owen, Barr, Fraser, Rinehart and Sutherland

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1 AN ACT Relating to vessel safety; and adding new sections to
2 chapter 88.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Any vessel required to be registered in
5 Washington and equipped with a cooking or heating system fueled by
6 propane gas shall be equipped with a sensor and warning device capable
7 of sensing vapors at a level of concentration below the threshold which
8 presents a danger of explosion. The devices shall be capable of
9 providing a continuous warning audible to anyone on board or boarding
10 the vessel for a period of twelve hours when connected to a fully
11 charged twelve volt battery of seventy ampere/hours rating.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The warning devices required by section 1 of
13 this act shall have a sensor or sensors placed in the vessel at
14 locations prescribed by rule adopted by the commission. More than one
15 sensor shall be required on vessels which due to their size or design
16 cannot be adequately serviced by a single sensor.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) On or after April 1, 1994, it is a
2 violation of this chapter to offer for sale within this state a vessel
3 that is not equipped with the warning device required by section 1 of
4 this act.

5 (2) On or after April 1, 1994, it is a violation of this chapter to
6 manufacture a vessel which does not meet the requirements of section 1
7 of this act, or to modify a vessel in any way that causes a vessel to
8 be out of compliance with section 1 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each
10 added to chapter 88.12 RCW.

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