
SENATE BILL 5863

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By Senators Van De Wege and Holy

1 AN ACT Relating to creating transient accommodation short-term
2 agreement standards; amending RCW 70.62.210; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 70.62 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.62
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A person operating a transient accommodation as defined in
8 this chapter must include, at minimum, the following information in a
9 short-term agreement for rental of a lodging unit entered into on or
10 after the effective date of this section:

11 (a) The price per night;

12 (b) The duration of the short-term rental period;

13 (c) The full name of the parties to the agreement, including the
14 full name of the guest and the person operating the transient
15 accommodation; and

16 (d) The notice language provided in subsection (2) of this
17 section.

18 (2) A short-term agreement for rental of a lodging unit entered
19 into on or after the effective date of this section must include the
20 following language:

1 NOTICE: Information about specified registered sex offenders is
2 made available to the public via a web site maintained by the
3 Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs at
4 www.waspc.org/sex-offender-information. Depending on an offender's
5 criminal history, this information includes either the address at
6 which the offender resides, or the community of residence and ZIP
7 Code in which he or she resides. This notice is provided in
8 accordance with RCW 70.62.--- (this section).

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.62.210 and 1991 c 3 s 347 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 ~~((The following terms whenever used or referred to in this
12 chapter shall have the following respective meanings for the purposes
13 of this chapter, except in those instances where the context clearly
14 indicates otherwise:~~

15 ~~(1) The term "transient accommodation" shall mean any facility
16 such as a hotel, motel, condominium, resort, or any other facility or
17 place offering three or more lodging units to travelers and transient
18 guests.~~

19 ~~(2) The term "person" shall mean any individual, firm,
20 partnership, corporation, company, association or joint stock
21 association, and the legal successor thereof.~~

22 ~~(3) The term "secretary" shall mean the secretary of the
23 Washington state department of health and any duly authorized
24 representative thereof.~~

25 ~~(4) The term "board" shall mean the Washington state board of
26 health.~~

27 ~~(5) The term "department" shall mean the Washington state
28 department of health.~~

29 ~~(6) The term "lodging unit" shall mean one self-contained unit
30 designated by number, letter or some other method of
31 identification.)) The definitions in this section apply throughout
32 this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.~~

33 (1) "Board" means the Washington state board of health.

34 (2) "Department" mean the Washington state department of health.

35 (3) "Lodging unit" means one self-contained unit within a
36 transient accommodation designated by number, letter, name, or some
37 other method of identification.

1 (4) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,
2 corporation, company, limited liability company, association, or
3 joint stock association, and the legal successor thereof.

4 (5) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Washington state
5 department of health and any duly authorized representative thereof.

6 (6) "Short-term agreement" means an agreement for the short-term
7 rental of a lodging unit that (a) meets the requirements of section 1
8 of this act, and (b) is signed by the parties to the agreement,
9 including the guest and the person operating the transient
10 accommodation or the person's agent or designee.

11 (7) "Transient accommodation" means any facility such as a hotel,
12 motel, condominium, resort, or any other facility or place offering
13 one or more lodging units to travelers and transient guests.

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