
HOUSE BILL 2423

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By Representatives Hudgins and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to safe operation of unattended service stations;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 48.48 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.48 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that providing for public health and
7 safety, minimizing opportunities for terrorism and other crimes, and
8 ensuring the security of the state's residents are among the most
9 essential services of state government. The legislature intends to
10 ensure the safe operation of unattended service stations, and thereby,
11 reduce the risk of terrorism and crime, and better protect the health
12 and safety of state residents.

13 (2) The Washington state patrol, in consultation with the state
14 fire protection policy board and the director of fire protection, shall
15 adopt permanent rules to ensure the safe operation of unattended
16 gasoline service stations.

17 (3) These rules shall require, at a minimum, that:

18 (a) Unattended service stations not offer gasoline or other motor
19 fuel for sale to the public;

1 (b) An unattended service station must comply with all applicable
2 provisions of the NFPA 30, flammable and combustible liquids code,
3 published by the national fire protection association; NFPA 30A,
4 automotive and marine service station code, published by the national
5 fire protection association; and the international fire code, adopted
6 pursuant to RCW 19.27.031;

7 (c) All accounts with unattended service stations must be with
8 business entities licensed in Washington or another state;

9 (d) All accounts with unattended service stations must be for a
10 minimum volume of three hundred gallons per month for a minimum fleet
11 of four vehicles, not including employee vehicles;

12 (e) Fuel dispensing areas must have photocell lighting for
13 personnel safety and safe equipment operation;

14 (f) Telephones with 911 access must be accessible from pump
15 dispensers; and

16 (g) Fuel dispensing areas must be clearly posted with emergency
17 telephone numbers, the service station operator's telephone numbers,
18 and the address of the service station to report malfunctioning
19 equipment.

20 (4) These rules must take effect by January 1, 2005.

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