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HOUSE BILL 1080

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By Representative Donaghy

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- AN ACT Relating to fee disclosure for lodging accommodations; adding a new section to chapter 19.48 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 64.37 RCW; prescribing penalties; providing an effective
- 4 date; and declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 19.48
 RCW to read as follows:
- 8 (1) All fees or charges required to stay at a hotel must be 9 disclosed in the advertised, displayed, or offered room rate, except 10 for taxes and fees imposed by a government.
- 11 (2) A hotel shall include in the total price to be paid, before 12 the consumer reserves the stay, all taxes and fees imposed by a 13 government.
- 14 (3) This section applies to any advertising, display, or offer 15 that is before the public in this state, or from this state before 16 the public in any state.
- (4) (a) A person that knew or should have known that he or she has advertised, displayed, or offered a room rate in violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000 for each violation.

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- 1 (b) An action to enforce this section may be brought by a city 2 attorney, county prosecuting attorney, or the attorney general.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 64.37 4 RCW to read as follows:
- 5 (1) All fees or charges required to stay at a short-term rental 6 must be disclosed in the advertised, displayed, or offered rate, 7 except for taxes and fees imposed by a government.
- 8 (2) Before a guest reserves a stay at a short-term rental, all 9 taxes and fees imposed by a government must be included in the total 10 price to be paid.
- 11 (3) This section applies to any advertising, display, or offer 12 that is before the public in this state, or from this state before 13 the public in any state.
- (4) (a) A person that knew or should have known that he or she has advertised, displayed, or offered a room rate in violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000 for each violation.
- 18 (b) An action to enforce this section may be brought by a city 19 attorney, county prosecuting attorney, or the attorney general.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2025.

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