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By Senators Fairley, Hobbs, Swecker, Shin, Sheldon, Berkey, Haugen, Hatfield, and McAuliffe; by request of Military Department and Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

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1 AN ACT Relating to rental or lease of armories; and amending RCW
2 38.20.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.20.010 and 2005 c 252 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Except as provided in this section, state-owned armories shall be
7 used strictly for military purposes.

8 (1) One room, together with the necessary furniture, heat, light,
9 and janitor service, may be set aside for the exclusive use of bona
10 fide veterans' organizations subject to the direction of the officer in
11 charge. Members of these veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries
12 shall have access to the room and its use at all times.

13 (2) A bona fide veterans' organization may use any state armory for
14 athletic and social events without payment of rent whenever the armory
15 is not being used by the organized militia. The adjutant general may
16 require the veterans' organization to pay the cost of heating,
17 lighting, or other miscellaneous expenses incidental to this use.

18 (3) The adjutant general may, during an emergency, permit transient
19 lodging of service personnel in armories.

1 (4) The adjutant general may, upon the recommendation of the
2 executive head or governing body of a county, city or town, permit
3 transient lodging of anyone in armories. The adjutant general may
4 require the county, city or town to pay no more than the actual cost of
5 staffing, heating, lighting and other miscellaneous expenses incidental
6 to this use.

7 (5) Civilian rifle clubs affiliated with the National Rifle
8 Association of America are permitted to use small arms ranges in the
9 armories at least one night each week under regulations prescribed by
10 the adjutant general.

11 (6) State-owned armories shall be available, at the discretion of
12 the adjutant general, for public and private use (~~(for casual civic~~
13 ~~purposes, and amateur and professional sports and theatricals)) upon
14 payment of (~~fixed~~) rental charges and compliance with regulations of
15 the state military department. Children attending primary and high
16 schools have a preferential right to use these armories.~~

17 The adjutant general shall prepare a schedule of rental charges,
18 including a cleaning deposit, and utility costs for each state-owned
19 armory which may not be waived except for activities sponsored by the
20 organized militia or activities provided for in subsection (4) of this
21 section. The rental charges derived from armory rentals less the
22 cleaning deposit shall be paid into the military department rental and
23 lease account under RCW 38.40.210.

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