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House Bill 580 (Washington County Delegation)

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Washington County - Exemption from Requirement of Licenses for Transient or  
Temporary Vendors - Nonenclosed Shopping Centers

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This bill exempts shows, sales, exhibitions, or fairs conducted within the central pedestrian areas of nonenclosed shopping centers from licensing and regulation by county commissioners in Washington County. A nonenclosed shopping center is defined as a nonenclosed commercial complex that is located on one parcel of ground, contains at least 450,000 square feet of floor space, and contains at least 100 retail establishments.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Washington County advises that it does not anticipate any changes in licensing activity due to this bill.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal. Existing small businesses in Washington County will benefit by being exempt from licensing and regulation. To the extent that additional small business may enter the marketplace in Washington County competition may increase, subject to the limitation of available space.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Licensing and regulation of persons who conduct a transient or temporary business in Washington County does not apply to: (1) travelers, selling agents, or auctioneers; (2) solicitation of orders for the future delivery of goods, wares, or merchandise in interstate commerce; (3) sales of goods, wares, or merchandise exhibited

on the grounds used by any agricultural society for annual fairs; (4) sales by nonprofit organizations for charitable, religious, or other public purpose; (5) conventions of religious, civic, charitable groups, nonprofit trade associations, concerts, cultural events, arts and craft shows, sales, exhibitions, or fairs where the exhibitor is the sole producer of the products; (6) sales by a farmer or his agent of produce from a truck or stand owned or leased by the farmer; (7) shows, sales, exhibitions, or fairs conducted within the central pedestrian areas of enclosed shopping malls; or (8) sales by a seller at a residential premises pursuant to an invitation by the legal owner or legal occupant of the residential premises.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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