

state for the collection of compensation for the performance of any work or for breach of any contract for which registration is required under this chapter without alleging and proving that he was a duly registered contractor and held a current and valid certificate of registration at the time he contracted for the performance of such work or entered into such contract.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 18.27 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The provisions of this chapter relating to the registration or licensing of any person, firm, or corporation, including the requirement of a bond with the state of Washington named as obligee therein and the collection of a fee therefor, shall be exclusive and no political subdivision of the state of Washington shall require or issue any registrations, licenses, or bonds nor charge any fee for the same or a similar purpose: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall limit or abridge the authority of any city or town to levy and collect a general and nondiscriminatory license fee levied upon all businesses, or to levy a tax based upon gross business conducted by any firm within said city: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That nothing herein shall limit the authority of any city or town with respect to contractors not required to be registered under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 18.27 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department of motor vehicles shall annually, starting July 1, 1973, compile a list of all contractors registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and update such list at least bimonthly. Such list shall be considered as public record information and shall be available to the public upon request: PROVIDED, That the department may charge a reasonable reproduction fee.

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CHAPTER 119
[House Bill No. 482]
NATURAL AREA PRESERVES

AN ACT Relating to natural resources; and adding a new chapter to Title 79 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a state system of natural area preserves and a means

whereby the preservation of these aquatic and land areas can be accomplished.

All areas within the state, except those which are expressly dedicated by law for preservation and protection in their natural condition, are subject to alteration by human activity. Natural lands, together with the plants and animals living thereon in natural ecological systems, are valuable for the purposes of scientific research, teaching, as habitats of rare and vanishing species, as places of natural historic and natural interest and scenic beauty, and as living museums of the original heritage of the state.

It is, therefore, the public policy of the state of Washington to secure for the people of present and future generations the benefit of an enduring resource of natural areas by establishing a system of natural area preserves, and to provide for the protection of these natural areas.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Department" shall mean the department of natural resources.

(2) "Natural areas" and "natural area preserves" shall mean such public or private areas of land or water which have retained their natural character, although not necessarily completely natural and undisturbed, or which are important in preserving rare or vanishing flora, fauna, archeological, natural historical or similar features of scientific or educational value.

(3) "Public lands" and "state lands" shall have the meaning set out in RCW 79.01.004.

(4) "Committee" shall mean the Washington state natural preserves advisory committee created in section 5 of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In order to set aside, preserve and protect natural areas within the state, the department is authorized, in addition to any other powers, to:

(1) Establish by rule and regulation the criteria for selection, acquisition, management, protection and use of such natural areas;

(2) Cooperate and contract with any federal, state, or local governmental agency, private organizations or individuals in carrying out the purpose of this chapter;

(3) Acquire by gift, devise, purchase, grant, dedication, or means other than eminent domain, the fee or any lesser right or interest in real property which shall be held and managed as a natural area; and

(4) Acquire by gift, devise, grant or donation any personal property to be used in the acquisition and/or management of natural areas;

(5) Inventory existing public, state and private lands in cooperation with the committee to assess possible natural areas to be preserved within the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The department is further authorized to purchase, lease, set aside or exchange any public land or state-owned trust lands which are deemed to be natural areas: PROVIDED, That the appropriate state land trust receives the fair market value for any interests that are disposed of: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That such transactions are approved by the board of natural resources.

An area consisting of public land or state-owned trust lands designated as a natural area preserve shall be held in trust and shall not be alienated except to another public use upon a finding by the the department of natural resources of imperative and unavoidable public necessity.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A Washington state natural preserves advisory committee is hereby created within the department of natural resources to assist the department in carrying out the intent of this chapter. Such committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the commissioner of the department. Any vacancies shall be filled in the same manner. Members shall be chosen from persons with an interest in the establishment of natural areas and shall serve a period of three years.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Nothing in this chapter is intended to supersede or otherwise affect any existing legislation.

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CHAPTER 120

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 50]

EMBALMING

AN ACT Relating to embalming; amending section 4, chapter 108, Laws of 1937 as last amended by section 24, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.39.040; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 108, Laws of 1937 as last amended by section 24, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.39.040 are each amended to read as follows:

In order to obtain a license as an embalmer, the applicant must be at least eighteen years of age, of good moral character, and