

within the agencies' respective jurisdictions. Upon completion of the review, the board shall approve or disapprove each program, and graduates of such approved programs shall automatically be certified.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as conferring on a nursing assistant the authority to administer medication or to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The department and the board shall, within ninety days of the effective date of this act, adopt such rules as are necessary for the implementation of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The department shall provide rate adjustments to nursing homes for the portion of additional costs attributable to the requirements of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 2 through 7 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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## CHAPTER 115

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2147]

### FOOD DONATION PROGRAM—LEGAL IMMUNITY

AN ACT Relating to food; and adding a new section to chapter 69.04 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 69.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) A person, including a farmer, processor, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of food, who in good faith donates an item of food for use or distribution by a nonprofit organization shall not be liable for civil damages or criminal penalties resulting from the nature, age, condition, or packaging of the donated food, including any liability under this chapter or chapter 15.32 RCW.

(2) Nothing in this section is intended to limit any liability on the part of the donee nonprofit organization accepting food items under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The department of agriculture shall maintain an information and referral service for persons and organizations that have notified the department of their desire to participate in the food donation program under this section.

(4) Appropriate state and local agencies are authorized to inspect donated food items for wholesomeness and may establish procedures for the handling of the food items.

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#### CHAPTER 116

[Senate Bill No. 2077]

#### PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES—RATE REDUCTION—LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZENS

AN ACT Relating to utility rates; and adding a new section to chapter 74.38 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 74.38 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any county, city, town, municipal corporation, or quasi municipal corporation providing utility services may provide such services at reduced rates for low income senior citizens: PROVIDED, That, for the purposes of this section, "low income senior citizen" shall be defined by appropriate ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing body of the county, city, town, municipal corporation, or quasi municipal corporation providing the utility services. Any reduction in rates granted in whatever manner to low income senior citizens in one part of a service area shall be uniformly extended to low income senior citizens in all other parts of the service area.

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#### CHAPTER 117

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2355]

#### PRACTICE OF OSTEOPATHY OR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY

AN ACT Relating to osteopathy; amending section 4, chapter 4, Laws of 1919 as amended by section 1, chapter 110, Laws of 1959 and RCW 18.57.020; amending section 6, chapter 4, Laws of 1919 as last amended by section 58, chapter 30, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.57.050; amending section 5, chapter 4, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.57.080; amending section 3, chapter 227, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.57.085; amending section 17, chapter 4, Laws of 1919 as last amended by section 59, chapter 30, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.57.130; amending section 11, chapter 4, Laws of 1919 as amended by section 2, chapter 142, Laws of 1963 and RCW 18.57.170; amending section 7, chapter 30, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.57A.010; adding new sections to