

(3) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a violation of any of the following traffic laws shall have the authority to arrest the person:

(a) RCW 46.52.010, relating to duty on striking an unattended car or other property;

(b) RCW 46.52.020, relating to duty in case of injury to or death of a person or damage to an attended vehicle;

(c) RCW 46.61.500 or 46.61.530, relating to reckless driving or racing of vehicles;

(d) RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, relating to persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;

(e) RCW 46.20.342, relating to driving a motor vehicle while operator's license is suspended or revoked;

(f) RCW 46.61.525, relating to operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner.

(4) A law enforcement officer investigating at the scene of a motor vehicle accident may arrest the driver of a motor vehicle involved in the accident if the officer has probable cause to believe that the driver has committed in connection with the accident a violation of any traffic law or regulation.

(5) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a violation of RCW 88.02.095 shall have the authority to arrest the person.

(6) Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing any act of indecent exposure, as defined in RCW 9A.88.010, may arrest the person.

(7) Except as specifically provided in subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section, nothing in this section extends or otherwise affects the powers of arrest prescribed in Title 46 RCW.

~~((7))~~ (8) No police officer may be held criminally or civilly liable for making an arrest pursuant to RCW 10.31.100(2) if the police officer acts in good faith and without malice.

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CHAPTER 278

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5232]

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION—BASE YEAR AND BENEFIT YEAR COMPUTATION MODIFIED

AN ACT Relating to unemployment compensation; and amending RCW 50.04.020, 50.04.030, and 50.06.030.

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

Sec. 1. Section 3, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 1, chapter 2, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 50.04.020 are each amended to read as follows:

"Base year" with respect to each individual, shall mean either the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters or the last four completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of the individual's benefit year.

For the purposes of establishing a benefit year, the department shall initially use the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters as the base year. If a benefit year is not established using the first four of the last five calendar quarters as the base year, the department shall use the last four completed calendar quarters as the base year.

Computations using the last four completed calendar quarters shall be based on available wage items processed as of the close of business on the day preceding the date of application. Wage items not processed at the time of application shall become available to the claim as they are added to department systems. The department shall not be required to make employer contacts or take other actions that would not be applicable to claims based on the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 1, chapter 33, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 50.04.030 are each amended to read as follows:

"Benefit year" with respect to each individual, means the fifty-two consecutive week period beginning with the first day of the calendar week in which the individual files an application for an initial determination and thereafter the fifty-two consecutive week period beginning with the first day of the calendar week in which the individual next files an application for an initial determination after the expiration of the individual's last preceding benefit year: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the foregoing limitation shall not be deemed to preclude the establishment of a new benefit year under the laws of another state pursuant to any agreement providing for the interstate combining of employment and wages and the interstate payment of benefits nor shall this limitation be deemed to preclude the commissioner from backdating an initial application at the request of the claimant either for the convenience of the department of employment security or for any other reason deemed by the commissioner to be good cause.

An individual's benefit year shall be extended to be fifty-three weeks when at the expiration of fifty-two weeks the establishment of a new benefit year would result in the use of a quarter of wages in the new base year that had been included in the individual's prior base year.

No benefit year will be established unless it is determined that the individual earned wages in "employment" in not less than six hundred eighty

hours of the individual's base year: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That a benefit year cannot be established if the base year wages include wages earned prior to the establishment of a prior benefit year unless the individual earned wages in "employment" during the last two quarters of the new base year of not less than six times the weekly benefit amount computed for the individual's new benefit year.

If an individual's prior benefit year was based on the last four completed calendar quarters, a new benefit year shall not be established until the new base year does not include any hours used in the establishment of the prior benefit year.

If the wages of an individual are not based upon a fixed duration of time or if the individual's wages are paid at irregular intervals or in such manner as not to extend regularly over the period of employment, the wages for any week shall be determined in such manner as the commissioner may by regulation prescribe. Such regulation shall, so far as possible, secure results reasonably similar to those which would prevail if the individual were paid his or her wages at regular intervals.

Sec. 3. Section 9, chapter 228, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 3, chapter 65, Laws of 1984 and RCW 50.06.030 are each amended to read as follows:

An application for initial determination made pursuant to this chapter, to be considered timely, must be filed in writing with the employment security department within twenty-six weeks following the week in which the period of temporary total disability commenced. Notice from the department of labor and industries shall satisfy this requirement. The records of the agency supervising the award of compensation shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of temporary disability and the beginning date of such disability. The employment security department shall process and issue an initial determination of entitlement or nonentitlement as the case may be.

For the purpose of this chapter, a special base year is established for an individual consisting of either the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters or the last four completed calendar quarters immediately prior to the first day of the calendar week in which the individual's temporary total disability commenced, and a special individual benefit year is established consisting of the entire period of disability and a fifty-two consecutive week period commencing with the first day of the calendar week immediately following the week or part thereof with respect to which the individual received his final temporary total disability compensation under the applicable industrial insurance or crime victims compensation laws except that no special benefit year shall have a duration in excess of three hundred twelve calendar weeks: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That such special benefit year will not be established unless the criteria contained in RCW 50.04.030 has been met, except that an individual meeting the disability and filing requirements of this chapter and who has an unexpired

benefit year established which would overlap the special benefit year provided by this chapter, notwithstanding the provisions in RCW 50.04.030 relating to the establishment of a subsequent benefit year and RCW 50.40.010 relating to waiver of rights, may elect to establish a special benefit year under this chapter: PROVIDED FURTHER, that the unexpired benefit year shall be terminated with the beginning of the special benefit year if the individual elects to establish such special benefit year.

For the purposes of establishing a benefit year, the department shall initially use the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters as the base year. If a benefit year is not established using the first four of the last five calendar quarters as the base year, the department shall use the last four completed calendar quarters as the base year.

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CHAPTER 279

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5977]

STATE EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK—MODEL PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NETWORK TO BE DEVELOPED

AN ACT Relating to a state educational telecommunications network; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and making an appropriation.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The superintendent of public instruction and the higher education coordinating board shall jointly develop and recommend to the legislature by June 30, 1989, a model plan for implementing a state educational telecommunications network which: (a) Addresses the needs of the common school and higher education elements of the state education system, and (b) provides for coordination and linkages between existing and proposed common school and higher education telecommunications programs, projects, and activities.

(2) In developing the plan, the superintendent of public instruction and the higher education coordinating board shall review existing telecommunications activities, including but not limited to: Activities under development by educational service districts, including the regional computer demonstration centers; the state clearinghouse for education information; the Washington State University microwave system; proposed or existing satellite projects at any of the regional universities; and other related activities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the