

provisions of that act are intended only to apply to those provisions as they existed as of the effective date of this 1971 amendatory act.

In view of the importance of compliance of this 1971 amendatory act with the federal unemployment tax act, any ambiguities contained herein should be resolved in a manner consistent with the provisions of that act. Considerable weight has been given to the commentary contained in that document entitled "Draft Legislation to Implement the Employment Security Amendments of 1970 . . . H.R.14705", published by the United States Department of Labor, Manpower Administration, and that commentary should be referred to when interpreting the provisions of this 1971 amendatory act.

Language in this 1971 amendatory act concerning the extension of coverage to employers entitled to make payments in lieu of contributions should, in a manner consistent with the foregoing paragraph, be construed so as to have a minimum financial impact on the employers subject to the experience rating provisions of this title.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. Section 20, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 and RCW 50.04.190 are each repealed effective December 31, 1971.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. This 1971 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House January 26, 1971.

Passed the Senate January 27, 1971.

Approved by the Governor January 28, 1971.

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CHAPTER 4

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 312]

HIGHWAYS--

EMERGENCY PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

AN ACT Relating to emergency protection and restoration of highways; adding a new section to chapter 47.28 RCW; creating new sections; providing a terminal date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 47.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Whenever the state highway commission finds that as a consequence of accident, natural disaster or other emergency, an existing state highway is in jeopardy, or is rendered impassible in

one or both directions, and the commission further finds that prompt reconstruction, repair, or other work is needed to preserve or restore the highway for public travel the highway commission may authorize the department of highways to obtain at least three written bids for the work without publishing a call for bids and to award a contract forthwith to the lowest responsible bidder.

(2) Whenever the state highway commission finds it necessary to protect a highway facility from imminent damage or to perform temporary work to reopen a highway facility the highway commission may authorize the department of highways to contract for such emergency work on a negotiated basis not to exceed force account rates for a period not to exceed thirty working days.

(3) When the engineer's estimate of the cost of work authorized in either subsections (1) or (2) of this section is less than one hundred thousand dollars the director of highways may make findings as provided hereinabove and pursuant thereto the department of highways may award contracts as authorized by this section.

(4) Any person, firm, or corporation awarded a contract for work must be prequalified pursuant to RCW 47.28.070 and may be required to furnish a bid deposit or performance bond.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The contract authorized by the director of highways on January 27, 1971 for emergency work to clear Old Sammish Road adjacent to the damaged portion of Interstate 5 to establish drainage and protect Interstate 5 from further damage is hereby ratified and approved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act shall expire on June 30, 1971.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 5

[ House Bill No. 130 ]

STATE TREASURER--

CHECK CASHING

AN ACT Relating to state government; authorizing the state treasurer to cash certain checks for state officers and employees; and adding a new section to chapter 43.08 RCW.