

NEW SECTION. Sec. 45. SHORT TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Collection Agency Act".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 46. SECTION HEADINGS. Section headings used in this act shall not constitute any part of the law.

Passed the Senate April 26, 1971.

Passed the House May 10, 1971.

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CHAPTER 254
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 567]
PUGET ISLAND FERRY

AN ACT Relating to the Puget Island ferry.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. (1) The legislature finds that the ferry operated by Wahkiakum county between Puget Island and Westport on the Columbia river provides service which is primarily local in nature with secondary benefits to the state highway system in providing a bypass for state route 4 and providing the only crossing of the Columbia river between the Astoria-Megler bridge and the Longview bridge.

(2) The Washington state highway commission is hereby authorized to enter into a continuing agreement with Wahkiakum county pursuant to which the state highway commission shall pay to Wahkiakum county from moneys appropriated for such purpose the sum of one thousand dollars per month to be used in the operation and maintenance of the Puget Island ferry, commencing July 1, 1971.

Additionally, the Washington state highway commission is authorized to include in the continuing agreement a provision to reimburse Wahkiakum county for sixty percent of the deficit incurred during each previous fiscal year in the operation and maintenance of the ferry, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972. The state's sixty percent share of the annual operating and maintenance deficit shall include the one thousand dollars per month authorized in this subsection.

(3) The annual deficit, if any, incurred in the operation and maintenance of the ferry shall be determined by Wahkiakum county subject to the approval of the Washington state highway commission. If sixty per cent of the deficit for the preceding fiscal year exceeds the total amount paid to the county for that year, the additional amount shall be paid to the county by the Washington state highway commission upon the receipt of a properly executed voucher:

PROVIDED, That the total of all payments to the county in any biennium shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that biennium.

(4) There is appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the Washington state highway commission for the biennium ending June 30, 1973, the sum of forty thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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CHAPTER 255

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 619]

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION--

EMPLOYER'S RECORDS

AN ACT Relating to employer's records; and amending section 50, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 3, chapter 215, Laws of 1951 and RCW 50.12.110.

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

Section 1. Section 50, chapter 35, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 3, chapter 215, Laws of 1951 and RCW 50.12.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Information obtained from employing unit records under the provisions of this title or obtained from any individual pursuant to the administration of this title shall be confidential and shall not be published or be open to public inspection (other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties when authorized by the director of the state agency by which they are employed and then only ~~((at the discretion of and))~~ in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner) in any manner revealing an individual's or employing unit's identity, but any interested party at a hearing before the appeal tribunal or the commissioner shall be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of the case in question: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, Records, with any necessary authentication thereof, required in the prosecution of any criminal action brought by another state, the United States or a foreign government for misrepresentation to obtain benefits under the law of this state shall be made available to the agency administering the employment security law of any such state, the United States or a foreign government for the purpose of such prosecution: PROVIDED FURTHER, That records of unemployment insurance claims, disclosure of which is not prohibited by federal