CHAPTER 299

[Substitute House Bill No. 244]

DISCLOSURE OF MOTOR VEHICLE OWNER—NOTICE SHALL BE SENT TO THE OWNER

AN ACT Relating to exemptions from public disclosure; and amending RCW 46.12.380. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 241, Laws of 1984 and RCW 46.12.380 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 42.17 RCW, the name or address of an individual vehicle owner shall not be released by the department, county auditor, or other public agency except upon written request, signed by the person requesting disclosure, stating their full legal name and address. The request for disclosure is itself a public record, subject to inspection and copying, and shall be retained by the disclosing agency for two years.

((When deemed appropriate by the disclosing agency;)) Notice that such a disclosure request has been honored ((may)) shall be sent to the affected vehicle owner by the disclosing agency, indicating the name and address of the person requesting disclosure.

This section shall not apply to persons who routinely request disclosure of vehicle registration information for use in the course of their business or occupation.

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CHAPTER 300

[House Bill No. 549]

CENTENNIAL COMMISSION—CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPTION FOR ONE DEPUTY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

AN ACT Relating to the Washington centennial commission; and adding a new section to chapter 41.06 RCW.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 41.06 RCW to read as follows:

(1) In addition to the exemptions set forth in RCW 41.06.070, this chapter shall not apply to one deputy executive secretary of the Washington centennial commission.

(2) This section shall expire December 31, 1989.

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CHAPTER 301

[Substitute House Bill No. 695]

REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS—INCOME LIMITS AND EXEMPTION AMOUNTS INCREASED

AN ACT Relating to property tax exemptions for senior citizens and disabled persons; amending RCW 84.36.381; and creating a new section.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 182, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 5, chapter 11, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.381 are each amended to read as follows:

A person shall be exempt from any legal obligation to pay all or a portion of the amount of excess and regular real property taxes due and payable in the year following the year in which a claim is filed, and thereafter, in accordance with the following:

- (1) The property taxes must have been imposed upon a residence which was occupied by the person claiming the exemption as a principal place of residence as of January 1st of the year for which the exemption is claimed: PROVIDED, That any person who sells, transfers, or is displaced from his or her residence may transfer his or her exemption status to a replacement residence, but no claimant shall receive an exemption on more than one residence in any year: PROVIDED FURTHER, That confinement of the person to a hospital or nursing home shall not disqualify the claim of exemption if the residence is temporarily unoccupied or if the residence is occupied by a spouse and/or a person financially dependent on the claimant for support;
- (2) The person claiming the exemption must have owned, at the time of filing, in fee, as a life estate, or by contract purchase, the residence on which the property taxes have been imposed or if the person claiming the exemption lives in a cooperative housing association, corporation, or partnership, such person must own a share therein representing the unit or portion of the structure in which he or she resides. For purposes of this subsection, a residence owned by a marital community or owned by cotenants shall be deemed to be owned by each spouse or cotenant, and any lease for life shall be deemed a life estate;
- (3) The person claiming the exemption must have been sixty-one years of age or older on January 1st of the year in which the exemption claim is filed, or must have been, at the time of filing, retired from regular gainful