

Within ~~seventy-five days~~ after the date of destruction, or ~~((seventy-five days after May 6, 1974, whichever is later))~~ within the year in which the destruction occurs, the taxpayer, using a form prepared by the department of revenue and provided by the assessor, shall notify the county assessor of his intention to claim the relief provided by RCW 84.70.010 through 84.70.040 as now or hereafter amended. The taxpayer shall also file a copy with the legislative body of the county, which shall serve as a petition for abatement of the tax: PROVIDED, That the form shall contain such information as the department may prescribe. After receipt of the taxpayer's claim, and within thirty days after receipt, the county assessor shall provide the legislative body of the county with his determination of the facts necessary to calculate the amount of relief, if any, to which he believes the taxpayer is entitled. A copy of the assessor's determination shall be sent to the taxpayer.

Passed the House April 4, 1977.

Passed the Senate May 31, 1977.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 1977.

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CHAPTER 201

[House Bill No. 768]

HIGHER EDUCATION—DEGREE PROGRAMS

AN ACT Relating to the state colleges; amending section 1, chapter 232, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.205; creating new sections; and adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.80 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 232, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.205 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to all other powers and duties given to them by law, Central Washington State College, Eastern Washington State College, and Western Washington State College are hereby authorized to grant any degree through the master's degree to any student who has completed a program of study and/or research in those areas which are determined by the faculty and board of trustees of the college to be appropriate for the granting of such degree: PROVIDED, That before any degree is authorized under this section ~~((which has no fiscal impact))~~ it shall be subject to the review and recommendation of the council for postsecondary education ~~((PROVIDED FURTHER, That any degree permitted under this section having additional fiscal impact shall not be authorized prior to review and recommendation by the council for postsecondary education and approval of the legislature))~~.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.80 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In its review of new degree programs, the council for postsecondary education shall determine if a proposed new program will require appropriations in the current or succeeding fiscal period, or both, which would not be required were the program not initiated. Upon making its recommendation, the council shall transmit copies, with its estimate of the fiscal impact of the program, to the governor and to

the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 202

[House Bill No. 46]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION PAYMENTS—ADJUSTMENTS

AN ACT Relating to adjustment of workmen's compensation payments; amending section 17, chapter 289, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 19, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.073; amending section 2, chapter 286, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.075; and prescribing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 17, chapter 289, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 19, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.073 are each amended to read as follows:

Each employer shall retain from the earnings of each workman that amount as shall be fixed from time to time by the director, the basis for measuring said amount to be determined by the director. The money so retained shall be matched in an equal amount by each employer, and all such moneys shall be remitted to the department in such manner and at such intervals as the department directs and shall be placed in the supplemental pension fund: **PROVIDED**, That the state apprenticeship council shall pay the entire amount into the supplemental pension fund for registered apprentices or trainees during their participation in supplemental and related instruction classes. The moneys so collected shall be used exclusively for the additional payments from the supplemental pension fund prescribed in this title and for the amount of any increase payable under the provisions of RCW 51.32.075, as now or hereafter amended, and shall be no more than necessary to make such payments on a current basis.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 286, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 51.32.075 are each amended to read as follows:

Effective July 1 of each year, the compensation or death benefits payable pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, for temporary total disability, permanent total disability or death arising out of injuries or occupational diseases shall be adjusted as follows:

(1) For those whose right to compensation was established on or after July 1, 1971, and before July 1, 1975, an initial adjustment shall be determined by multiplying the amount of compensation to which they are entitled by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the maximum amount of compensation payable for the fiscal year in which such person's right to compensation was established, and