

defined in RCW 6.12.010, regardless of area but not exceeding in net value, of both the lands and improvements, the sum of six thousand dollars. The premises thus included in the homestead must be actually intended or used as a home for the claimants, and shall not be devoted exclusively to any other purpose.

Use of
premises.

Passed the Senate January 28, 1955.

Passed the House February 16, 1955.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 30.

[S. B. 175.]

SURETY BONDS—PREMIUMS.

AN ACT relating to surety bonds, allowing fiduciaries the lawful expense of reasonable bond premium, providing for the recovery of surety bond premiums as court costs, providing for the payment of premiums for bonds for appointive or elective public officers or their deputies or employees; and amending chapter 79 of the Laws of 1947, being an act to provide for an insurance code for the state of Washington by adding thereto three sections to be known as RCW 48.28.020, 48.28.030, and 48.28.040.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 48.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

(RCW 48.28.020) Any fiduciary required by law to give bonds, may include as part of his lawful expense to be allowed by the court or official by whom he was appointed, the reasonable amount paid as premium for such bonds to the authorized surety insurer or to the surplus line surety insurer which issued or guaranteed such bonds.

Fiduciary may
include bond
premium as
expense.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 48.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Bond pre-
miums as costs.

(RCW 48.28.030) In any proceeding the party entitled to recover costs may include therein such reasonable sum as was paid to such surety insurer as premium for any bond or undertaking required therein, and as may be allowed by the court having having jurisdiction of such proceeding.

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 48.28 RCW a new section as follows:

Official bond
premiums;
payment.

(RCW 48.28.040) The premium for bonds given by such surety insurers for appointive or elective public officers and for such of their deputies or employees as are required to give bond shall be paid by the state, political subdivision, or public body so served.

Passed the Senate February 2, 1955.

Passed the House February 16, 1955.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 31.

[S. B. 212.]

INSURANCE—CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY.

AN ACT relating to insurance; providing for expiration of certificates of authority of insurers; amending section .05.12, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and RCW 48.05.120; and declaring an emergency.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section .05.12, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and RCW 48.05.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Certificates of
authority; ex-
piration dates.

(1) All certificates of authority issued or renewed within the period of April 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955, both dates inclusive, shall expire on July 1, 1955,