

SEC. 12. When the credit life insurance or credit accident and health insurance is required in connection with any credit transaction, the debtor shall, upon request to the creditor, have the option of furnishing the required amount of insurance through existing policies of insurance owned or controlled by him or of procuring and furnishing the required coverage through any insurer authorized to transact an insurance business within this state.

Option of obtaining own insurer.

SEC. 13. If any provision of this act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, the remainder of the act and the application of such provision to any person or circumstance other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

Severability.

SEC. 14. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit any practice prohibited by chapter 31.08 RCW, nor is it intended that this act shall amend or repeal any provision of chapter 31.08 RCW, known as the "Small Loan Act".

Construction as to certain other acts.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1961.

Passed the House March 8, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 220.

[S. B. 274.]

STATE OFFICERS—PER DIEM.

AN ACT relating to state government; providing per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence for state officials and employees; and amending section 1, chapter 86, Laws of 1943, as last amended by section 1, chapter 194, Laws of 1959, and RCW 43.03.050.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 86, Laws of 1943, as last amended by section 1, chapter 194, Laws of

RCW 43.03.050 amended.

1959, and RCW 43.03.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Subsistence allowance for state officials and employees.

The heads of all state departments may prescribe per diem rates of allowance, not exceeding twelve dollars in lieu of subsistence and lodging to elective and appointive officials and state employees while engaged on official business away from their designated posts of duty, but within the state of Washington or an adjoining state, and not exceeding twenty dollars per day while engaged on official business elsewhere.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1961.

Passed the House March 9, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 221.

[S. B. 287.]

HORTICULTURAL PLANTS.

AN ACT relating to horticultural plants; and providing penalties; and repealing sections 15.12.010 through 15.12.110, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 1), and RCW 15.12.010 through 15.12.110.

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

Definitions.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this act:

"Department".

(1) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state of Washington.

"Director".

(2) "Director" means the director of the department or his duly appointed representative.

"Person".

(3) "Person" means a natural person, individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, society and association, and every officer, agent or employee thereof.

"Horticultural plant".

(4) "Horticultural plant" includes, but is not limited to, any horticultural, floricultural, viticultural, and olericultural plant, for planting, propagation or ornamentation growing or otherwise, and