CHAPTER 126.
[House Bill No. 666.]

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES—ACQUISITION—BOND ISSUE.

AN ACT relating to state government; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to finance acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities; specifying methods for the payment of such bonds; prescribing the manner in which the proceeds thereof shall be used; providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW, contingent upon their adoption and ratification thereof.

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

Section 1. The state of Washington possesses unsurpassed natural wealth in the form of mountains, forests, and waters, ideal not only for recreation, but for supplying the special kind of spiritual regeneration that only close association with the outdoors can provide. As the state grows in population, this wilderness is increasingly threatened; prompt action is necessary to preserve it before much of it permanently disappears. Further, the physical expansion of our cities and towns has made it imperative that outdoor breathing space be set aside and permanently reserved for the people who live in them. Such breathing space may take the form of "green belts" especially planned to relieve the monotony of miles of uninterrupted urban or suburban development, or it may take the form of traditional parks. In any case, it must be acquired as soon as possible, while land is still available; and where appropriate, this land must be developed in order to meet the recreational needs of growing numbers of potential users.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities in this state, the state
finance committee is authorized to issue, at any time prior to January 1, 1975, general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of forty million dollars or so much thereof as may be required to finance the projects described in sections 7 and 8 of this act. These bonds shall be paid and discharged within twenty years of the date of issuance.

Sec. 3. The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the form of the bonds, the time of sale of all or any portion of them, and the conditions of their sale and issuance. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than their par value, nor shall they bear interest at a rate in excess of six percent per annum.

Sec. 4. The bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due. The committee may provide that the bonds, or any of them, may be called prior to their due date under such terms and conditions as it may determine. The state finance committee may authorize the use of facsimile signatures in the issuance of the bonds.

Sec. 5. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this act shall be deposited in the outdoor recreation account of the general fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the act and for payment of the expense incurred in the issuance and sale of the bonds.

Sec. 6. The outdoor recreational bond redemption fund of 1967 is created in the state treasury. This fund shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of interest on and retirement of the bonds authorized by this act. The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state
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treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet bond retirement and interest requirements. The state treasurer shall thereupon deposit such amount in the outdoor recreational bond redemption fund from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the tax commission and certified by the tax commission to be sales tax collections. Such amount certified by the state finance committee to the state treasurer shall be a prior charge against all retail sales tax revenues of the state of Washington, except that portion thereof heretofore pledged for the payment of bond principal and interest.

The owner and holder of each of the bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

Sec. 7. The proceeds from the sale of bonds deposited in the outdoor recreation account of the general fund under the terms of section 5 of this act shall be administered by the interagency committee for outdoor recreation. All such proceeds shall be divided into two equal shares. One share shall be allocated for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities on behalf of the state as the legislature may direct by appropriation. The other share shall be allocated to public bodies as defined in RCW 43.99.020 for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities within the jurisdiction of such public bodies. The interagency committee for outdoor recreation is authorized to use or permit the use of any funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized under this act as matching funds in any case where federal or other funds are made available on a matching basis for projects within the purposes of this act.

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Sec. 8. As used in this act, the phrase "acquisition and development of outdoor recreational areas and facilities" shall be liberally construed in accordance with the broad interpretation suggested by section 1 of this act. It shall include, but shall not be limited to, acquisition of fee simple or any lesser interests in land, and the development of outdoor areas and facilities for either a single recreational use or multiple recreational uses. The preservation of land or water areas in an unspoiled or undeveloped state shall be among the alternatives permissible under this act.

Sec. 9. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds authorized herein, and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

Sec. 10. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and for all funds of municipal corporations.

Sec. 11. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November 1968, in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington, and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the Constitution of the state of Washington, as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

Sec. 12. Upon adoption and ratification by the people as provided for in section 11 of this act, sec-
tions 1 through 10 herein shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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CHAPTER 127.
[House Bill No. 513.]

STATE HOSPITALS FOR MENTALLY ILL.

AN ACT relating to state hospitals for the mentally ill; amending section 71.02.410, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.410; section 71.02.320, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.320; section 71.02.230, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.230; repealing section 71.02.420, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.420; and repealing section 71.02.430, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.430.

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

Section 1. Section 71.02.410, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.410 are each amended to read as follows:

Charges for hospitalization of patients in state hospitals are to be based on the actual cost of operating such hospitals for the previous year, taking into consideration the overhead expense of operating the hospital and expense of maintenance and repair, including in both cases all salaries of supervision and management as well as material and equipment actually used or expended in operation as computed by the department: Provided, That a schedule of differing hospitalization charges may be computed, including a schedule of charges for outpatient services, considering the costs of care, treatment and maintenance in accordance with the classification of mental illness, type and intensity of