

~~scribed by the commissioner, and he may pay any number of installments of the purchase price of said lands at any time prior to the dates of payment as above provided for, if the commissioner is satisfied that the improvements which he has placed upon said lands are such as to insure a bona fide cultivation and use thereof for agricultural, horticultural or dairying purposes. All deferred payments upon said contract shall draw interest at the rate of four percent per annum for the first ten years after the date of sale, and thereafter at the rate of six percent per annum until the full purchase price has been paid. The object and purpose of this proviso is to encourage the cultivation and improvement of state lands and the use of such lands for agricultural, horticultural or dairying purposes).~~

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CHAPTER 268  
[Senate Bill No. 176]  
STATE HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL--  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENT COSTS

AN ACT Relating to state hospitals for the mentally ill; and amending section 6, chapter 127, Laws of 1967 ex.sess. and RCW 71.02.413.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 6, chapter 127, Laws of 1967 ex.sess. and RCW 71.02.413 are each amended to read as follows:

In any case where determination is made that a person, or the estate of such person, is able to pay all, or any portion of the monthly charges for hospitalization, and/or charges for outpatient services, a notice of finding of responsibility shall be ((personally)) served on such person or persons and the legal representative of such person. The notice shall set forth the amount the department has determined that such person, or his or her estate, is able to pay per month not to exceed the monthly costs of hospitalization, and/or costs of outpatient services, as fixed in accordance with the provisions of RCW 71.02.410, or as otherwise limited by the provisions of RCW 71.02.230, 71.02.320, and 71.02.410 through 71.02.417. The re-

responsibility for the payment to the department of institutions shall commence thirty days after (~~personal~~) service of such notice and finding of responsibility which finding of responsibility shall cover the period from the date of admission of such mentally ill person to a state hospital, and for the costs of hospitalization, and/or the costs of outpatient services, accruing thereafter. The notice and finding of responsibility shall be served upon all persons found financially responsible either personally, or, by registered or certified mail, enclosing a form for acknowledgment of service with return postage prepaid. If service is by mailing and a form of acknowledgment of service is not executed and returned to the department, then personal service must be made for the finding of responsibility to be effective. An appeal may be made to the director of institutions, or his designee within thirty days from the date of posting of such notice and finding of responsibility, upon the giving of written notice of appeal to the director of institutions by registered or certified mail, or by personal service. If no appeal is taken, the notice and finding of responsibility shall become final. If an appeal is taken, the execution of notice and finding of responsibility shall be stayed pending the decision of such appeal. Appeals may be heard in any county seat most convenient to the appellant. The hearing of appeal may be presided over by a hearing examiner appointed by the director, and the proceedings shall be recorded either manually or by a mechanical device. At the conclusion of such hearing, the hearing examiner shall make findings of fact and his conclusions and recommended determination of responsibility. Thereafter, the director, or his designee, may either affirm, reject or modify the findings, conclusions and determination of responsibility made by the hearing examiner. Judicial review of the director's determination of responsibility in the superior court and the supreme court may be taken in accordance with the provisions

of the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.04 RCW.

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CHAPTER 269

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 188]

VETERANS BENEFITS AND PREFERENCES--  
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES MAY HONOR  
BANK CREDIT CARDS

AN ACT Relating to veterans' benefits and preferences; amending section 1, chapter 189, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 1, chapter 9, Laws of 1953 ex. sess., and RCW 41.04.010; amending section 5, chapter 139, Laws of 1921 as amended by section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1947, and RCW 28.77.070; amending section 4, chapter 164, Laws of 1921 and RCW 28.80.060; amending section 1, chapter 6, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 1, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 (SSB 468) and RCW 41.20.050; amending section 11, chapter 91, Laws of 1947 and RCW 41.16.220; adding a new section to chapter 41.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28.81 RCW; adding a new section to Title 28 RCW; repealing section 6, chapter 139, Laws of 1921 and RCW 28.77.080; amending section 28B.15.380, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 (HB 58) and RCW 28B.15.380; adding a new section to chapter ..., Laws of 1969 and to chapter 28B.40 RCW; repealing section 28B.15.390, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 (HB 58) and RCW 28B.15.390; providing sections to effect the correlative and pari matiera construction of parts of this act with the provisions of Title 28 RCW, or of Titles 28A and 28B RCW if such titles shall be enacted; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 41.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

As used in all sections of this 1969 amendatory act "veteran" includes every person, who at the time he seeks the benefits of this 1969 amendatory act, has served in any branch of the armed forces of