AN ACT Relating to state government; establishing a commission; describing its powers and duties; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific and the Century 21 Expositions held in Seattle in 1909 and 1962, respectively, contributed substantially to the growth of this state and the eminence which it enjoys by exhibiting to our sister states and the world at large our agriculture, trade, and manufacturing capabilities. In the almost ten years that have elapsed since Century 21, man's place in nature and his relation to his environment has become the most critical concern of our state and nation. Today all sectors of society question man's ability to relate himself to the environment in a manner which will continue to support life on this planet. Because of this state's unique natural endowments, the state of Washington is capable of demonstrating to the nation and the world at large that man can live in harmony with his environment. It is therefore fitting that another exposition be held in the state of Washington which will demonstrate to people everywhere our great natural resources, our great forests and rivers, and our great outdoor recreational capabilities. It is also fitting that this exposition be held in the city of Spokane, the queen city of the Inland Empire, which in 1974 will celebrate the commencement of its second hundred years of growth.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A complete study, investigation, and report of the feasibility and desirability of such an exposition has been made and this report and its recommendations on participation of the state of Washington in such an exposition is hereby approved and adopted.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The exposition shall be known and called "Expo '74".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is created the Expo '74 commission to consist of fifteen members to be selected as follows: Five by the governor, of whom one shall be designated by the governor as chairman of the commission, three by the president of the senate (lieutenant governor) and three by the speaker of the house of representatives to serve until April 30, 1975, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, one member of the board of county commissioners of Spokane county to be appointed by such board, and one member of the Spokane city council to be
appointed by such council. The commission shall serve without compensation and shall meet at such time as it is called by the governor or by the chairman of the commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The members of the exposition commission may become directors of Expo '74, a nonprofit corporation organized under the provisions of chapter 24.03 RCW and may remain directors of the corporation as long as they are members of the commission or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The exposition commission through the nonprofit corporation shall stage an exposition in the city of Spokane during the year 1974 or as soon thereafter as deemed practical by the commission and shall carry out the purposes of the exposition by suitable exhibits.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The department of commerce and economic development and the department of ecology, as well as all other interested departments and agencies, shall cooperate with the exposition commission to the end that the exposition to be conducted by the commission shall become a memorable success. The exposition commission and all other state departments and agencies are further enjoined to cooperate in all respects with the city of Spokane and with other departments, agencies, political subdivisions, and municipal corporations of this state. The department of commerce and economic development and the exposition commission shall cooperate with the government of the United States and with governments or agencies of other states or foreign countries or their lesser subdivisions to the extent required to secure their participation in the exposition.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.