

CHAPTER 75
[Engrossed House Bill No. 82]
JOINT OPERATING AGENCIES--
TAXATION--
NUCLEAR STEAM POWERED ELECTRIC
GENERATING FACILITIES

AN ACT Relating to joint operating agencies, removing certain tax exemptions, and requiring related reports; amending section 43.52.460, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.52.460; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 43.52.460, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.52.460 are each amended to read as follows:

Any joint operating agency formed under this chapter shall pay in lieu of taxes payments in the same amounts as paid by public utility districts. Such payments shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions applicable to public utility districts: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such tax shall not apply to steam generated electricity produced by a nuclear steam powered electric generating facility constructed or acquired by a joint operating agency and in operation prior to the effective date of this amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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.

Passed the House March 12, 1971.

Passed the Senate May 6, 1971.

Approved by the Governor May 17, 1971.

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CHAPTER 76
[Engrossed House Bill No. 125]
U. W., W. S. U. RETIRED FACULTY AND EMPLOYEES--
ADDITIONAL PENSION

AN ACT Relating to institutions of higher education; providing increased pension benefits for certain retired employees; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Retired faculty members or employees of the University of

Washington or Washington State University, who have reached age sixty-five or are disabled from further service as of the effective date of this act, who at the time of retirement or disability were not eligible for federal old age, survivors, or disability benefit payments (Social Security), and who are receiving retirement income on July 1, 1970 pursuant to RCW 28B.10.400, shall, upon application approved by the board of regents of the institution retired from, receive an additional pension of three dollars per month for each year of full time service at such institution, including military leave. For periods of service that are less than full time service, the monthly rate of the pension shall be prorated accordingly to include such periods of service.

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CHAPTER 77

[Engrossed House Bill No. 357]

"WHITE CANE LAW"--

BLIND PEDESTRIANS--

DRIVER'S STANDARD OF CARE

AN ACT Relating to the public health and safety; amending section 4, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.040.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 141, Laws of 1969 and RCW 70.84.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The driver of a vehicle approaching a totally or partially blind pedestrian who is carrying a cane predominantly white in color (with or without a red tip) or using a guide dog shall take all necessary precautions to avoid injury to such blind pedestrian. Any driver who fails to take such precaution shall be liable in damages for any injury caused such pedestrian. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to drive into or upon any crosswalk while there is on such crosswalk, any pedestrian wholly or partially blind, crossing or attempting to cross the roadway, if such pedestrian indicates his intention to cross or of continuing on, with a timely warning by holding up or waving a white cane, or using a guide dog. The failure of any such pedestrian so to signal shall not deprive him of the right of way accorded him by other laws.