

provided, that it shall not become initially effective until enacted into law by 7 states.

C. Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until one year after the Governor of the withdrawing state has given notice to the Governors of all other party states. No withdrawal shall affect any liability already incurred by or chargeable to a party state prior to the time of such withdrawal.

Article IX

CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

It is intended that the provisions of this compact shall be reasonably and liberally construed to effectuate its purposes. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States, or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any party state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The director of aeronautics or his designee is hereby authorized to serve as the Washington state member to the western regional short-haul air transportation compact and to execute said compact on behalf of this state with any other state or states legally joining therein.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. For purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated to the state aeronautics commission from the aeronautics account of the general fund the sum of twelve thousand dollars for the period June 30, 1973.

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CHAPTER 37

[Engrossed House Bill No. 199]

FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN--RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

AN ACT Relating to civil service for certain municipal employees; eliminating residency requirements for firemen and policemen;

amending section 7, chapter 31, Laws of 1935 as amended by section 1, chapter 95, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.08.070; amending section 7, chapter 13, Laws of 1937 as amended by section 2, chapter 95, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.12.070; adding new sections to chapter 41.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.12 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 41.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

It is the purpose of this 1972 amendatory act to increase the availability of qualified applicants for employment in positions of public safety in municipal government; namely, firemen and policemen; and to eliminate present inequities that result from the application of residency requirements under existing statutes pertaining to such employment.

Sec. 2. Section 7, chapter 31, Laws of 1935 as amended by section 1, chapter 95, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.08.070 are each amended to read as follows:

An applicant for a position of any kind under civil service, must be a citizen of the United States of America who can read and write the English language. ~~((The commission may prescribe residence requirements for anyone appointed under this chapter.))~~

An applicant for a position of any kind under civil service must be of an age suitable for the position applied for, in ordinary good health, of good moral character and of temperate and industrious habits; these facts to be ascertained in such manner as the commission may deem advisable.

Sec. 3. Section 7, chapter 13, Laws of 1937 as amended by section 2, chapter 95, Laws of 1963 and RCW 41.12.070 are each amended to read as follows:

An applicant for a position of any kind under civil service, must be a citizen of the United States of America who can read and write the English language. ~~((The commission may prescribe residence requirements for anyone appointed under this chapter.))~~

An applicant for a position of any kind under civil service must be of an age suitable for the position applied for, in ordinary good health, of good moral character and of temperate and industrious habits; these facts to be ascertained in such manner as the commission may deem advisable.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 41.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No city, town, or municipality shall require any person applying for or holding an office, place, position, or employment under the provisions of this chapter or under any local charter or other regulations described in RCW 41.08.010 to reside within the

limits of such municipal corporation as a condition of employment, or to discriminate in any manner against any such person because of his residence outside of the limits of such city, town, or municipality.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 41.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No city, town, or municipality shall require any person applying for or holding an office, place, position, or employment under the provisions of this chapter or under any local charter or other regulations described in RCW 41.12.010 to reside within the limits of such municipal corporation as a condition of employment or to discriminate in any manner against any such person because of his residence outside of the limits of such city, town, or municipality.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. 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 January 29, 1972.

Passed the Senate February 11, 1972.

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CHAPTER 38
[Engrossed House Bill No. 223]
HITCHHIKING

AN ACT Relating to pedestrians; and amending section 38, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.255.

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

Section 1. Section 38, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.255 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No person shall ~~((solicit by word or sign or by any other means))~~ stand in or on a public roadway or alongside thereof at any place where a motor vehicle cannot safely stop off the main traveled portion thereof for the purpose of soliciting a ride for himself or for another ((a ride)) from the occupant of any vehicle.

(2) It shall be unlawful for ~~((the driver of a vehicle to offer or give a ride to any person soliciting a ride upon or along a public highway))~~ any person to solicit a ride for himself or another from within the right of way of any limited access facility except in such areas where permission to do so is given and posted by the highway authority of the state, county, city or town having jurisdiction over the highway.

(3) The provisions of subsections (1) and (2) above shall not