

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If any provision of this 1973 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 108
[House Bill No. 731]
NURSING HOMES--PSYCHIATRIC
CARE AUTHORIZED

AN ACT Relating to nursing homes; and amending section 2, chapter 117, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 1, chapter 160, Laws of 1953 and RCW 18.51.010.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 117, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 1, chapter 160, Laws of 1953 and RCW 18.51.010 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) "Nursing home" means any home, place or institution which operates or maintains facilities providing convalescent or chronic care, or both, for a period in excess of twenty-four consecutive hours for three or more patients not related by blood or marriage to the operator, who by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable properly to care for themselves. Convalescent and chronic care may include but not be limited to any or all procedures commonly employed in waiting on the sick, such as administration of medicines, preparation of special diets, giving of bedside nursing care, application of dressings and bandages, and carrying out of treatment prescribed by a duly licensed practitioner of the healing arts. It may also include care of mentally incompetent persons ((if they do not require psychiatric treatment by or under the supervision of a physician who devotes all or a major portion of his time to this specialized field of medicine)). Nothing in this definition shall be construed to include general hospitals or other places which provide care and treatment for the acutely ill and maintain and operate facilities for major surgery or obstetrics, or both. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to include any boarding home, guest home, hotel or related institution which is held forth to the public as providing, and which is operated to give only board, room and laundry to persons not in need of medical or nursing treatment or

supervision except in the case of temporary acute illness. The mere designation by the operator of any place or institution as a hospital, sanitarium, or any other similar name, which does not provide care for the acutely ill and maintain and operate facilities for major surgery or obstetrics, or both, shall not exclude such place or institution from the provisions of this chapter: PROVIDED, That any nursing home providing psychiatric treatment shall, with respect to patients receiving such treatment, comply with the provisions of RCW 71.12.560, 71.12.570, and 71.12.580.

(2) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, or joint stock association, and the legal successor thereof.

(3) (~~"Director"~~) "Secretary" means the (~~state director of health~~) secretary of the department of social and health services.

(4) "Board" means the state board of health.

(5) "Department" means the state department of (~~health~~) social and health services.

(6) "Approved health department" means any city, county, city-county or district health department which holds a certificate of approval under this chapter.

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CHAPTER 109
[House Bill No. 769]
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH
SERVICES--SPOKANE PROPERTY
SALE AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to the department of social and health services; and adding new sections to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.20A RCW a new section to read as follows:

The secretary of the department of social and health services is authorized to sell such lands as hereinafter in this section described no longer needed by the department: Real property situated in the County of Spokane, State of Washington, to wit:

Beginning at the north quarter (N. 1/4) corner of section 19, township 24 north, range 41 E.W.M.; thence south 5° 49' West a distance of 2515.8 feet to the well.