NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. This 1974 amendatory 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.

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CHAPTER 115
[Senate Bill No. 3379]
CIVIL COMMITMENT--
PATIENT INFORMATION STATEMENT

AN ACT Relating to mental illness; amending section 45, chapter 142, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 24, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 71.05.400; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
Section 1. Section 45, chapter 142, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 24, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 71.05.400 are each amended to read as follows:

(a) A public or private agency shall release to a patient's next of kin, attorney, (his) guardian, or conservator, if any, (or a member of the patient's family):

(i) The information that the person is presently a patient in the facility or that the person is seriously physically ill (if the professional person in charge of the facility determines that the release of such information is in the best interest of the person);

(ii) A statement evaluating the mental and physical condition of the patient, and a statement of the probable duration of the patient's confinement, if such information is requested by the next of kin, attorney, guardian, or conservator, and such other information requested by the next of kin or attorney as may be necessary to decide whether or not proceedings should be instituted to appoint a guardian or conservator.

(b) Upon the death of a patient, his next of kin, guardian, or conservator, if any, (and a member of his family) shall be notified.

Next of kin who are of legal age and competent shall be notified under this section in the following order: Spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters, and other relatives according to the degree of relation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1974 amendatory 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.

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CHAPTER 116

[House Bill No. 138]

DELINQUENT TAXES—INTEREST RATE

AN ACT Relating to county taxes; and amending section 84.56.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.56.020.

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

Section 1. Section 84.56.020, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.56.020 are each amended to read as follows:

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