

Beginning at Teanaway junction thence easterly via the existing highway along the north side of the Yakima River to a junction with state route number ~~((131))~~ 97 west of Ellensburg.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) Section 42, chapter 51, Laws of 1970 ex. sess., section 4, chapter 73, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 47.17.205;
- (2) Section 54, chapter 51, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 47.17.265;
- (3) Section 115, chapter 51, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 47.17.570; and
- (4) Section 156, chapter 51, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 47.17.775.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1975.

Passed the House March 10, 1975.

Approved by the Governor April 5, 1975.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 5, 1975.

CHAPTER 64

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2082]

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS— FIRST AID VEHICLE SERVICES—CHARGES

AN ACT Relating to fire districts; and adding new sections to chapter 52.36 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 52.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any fire protection district which provides first aid vehicle service pursuant to RCW 52.08.030, may pursuant to a resolution establish and collect reasonable charges for such services in order to reimburse the district for its costs of providing such services.

*NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. *There is added to chapter 52.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:*

Any fire protection district which provides ambulance service pursuant to RCW 52.08.030, shall pursuant to a resolution establish and collect charges for such services in order to reimburse the district for all costs of providing such service: PROVIDED, That any fire protection district which provides ambulance service supported by an excess levy may waive such charges for service during such time that no private ambulance service operates in the district.

*Sec. 2. was vetoed; see message at end of chapter.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1975.

Passed the House March 10, 1975.

Approved by the Governor April 5, 1975 with the exception of section 2 which is vetoed.

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Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to one section Senate Bill No. 2082 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to fire districts."

Section 2 of the bill mandates a fire district to set charges which would cover all costs of providing ambulance services. There is no question but that fire district commissioners should have the authority to set charges for such services in amounts as they deem appropriate. I believe, however, that such action should be taken at the discretion of the locally elected fire commissioners rather than being mandated by the legislature.

In addition, I am advised that there are districts which have acquired first aid vehicles from funds donated by their communities. On those occasions of clear emergency when the district's vehicle must transport a person to a hospital without waiting for a private ambulance operating in the area, the district would be required to charge what would effectively be a private ambulance rate to a person who may have donated funds toward purchase of the vehicle in the first place. This type of situation can easily be avoided by the use of permissive, rather than mandatory language in the legislation.

With the exception of section 2, which I have vetoed for the reasons herein stated, the remainder of Senate Bill No. 2082 is approved."
