

not prosecuted to judgment within two years after the commencement thereof, the court, in its discretion, may dismiss the same for want of prosecution, and the dismissal of such action or a judgment rendered therein, that no lien exists, shall constitute a cancellation of the lien: PROVIDED, That, for the purposes of this chapter, an action to enforce such lien shall not be timely commenced unless the filing of summons and complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be made prior to the expiration of the eight-month period, and service of the summons and complaint shall be made upon all necessary parties personally, or by commencement of service by publication, not later than ninety days after the filing of the summons and complaint.

Passed the House June 7, 1975.

Passed the Senate June 7, 1975.

Approved by the Governor June 26, 1975.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State June 27, 1975.

---

## CHAPTER 232

[Second Substitute House Bill No. 720]

STATE COLLEGES—

DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to the state colleges; adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.40 RCW; repealing section 28B.40.210, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.210; and repealing section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1971 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.226.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.40 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In addition to all other powers and duties given to them by law, Central Washington State College, Eastern Washington State College, and Western Washington State College are hereby authorized to grant any degree through the master's degree to any student who has completed a program of study and/or research in those areas which are determined by the faculty and board of trustees of the college to be appropriate for the granting of such degree: PROVIDED, That any degree authorized under this section which has no fiscal impact shall be subject to the review and recommendation of the council on higher education: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any degree permitted under this section having additional fiscal impact shall not be authorized prior to review and recommendation by the council on higher education and approval of the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The following acts or parts of acts are hereby repealed:

(1) Section 28B.40.210, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.210; and

(2) Section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1971 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.40.226.

Passed the House May 9, 1975.

Passed the Senate May 31, 1975.

Approved by the Governor June 26, 1975.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State June 27, 1975.

---

CHAPTER 233

[House Bill No. 796]

LANDLORD AND TENANTS—  
TENANTS' SECURITY DEPOSITS

AN ACT Relating to lease or rental deposits; and amending section 27, chapter 207, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 59.18.270.

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

Section 1. Section 27, chapter 207, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 59.18-.270 are each amended to read as follows:

All moneys paid to the landlord by the tenant as a deposit as security for performance of the tenant's obligations in a lease or rental agreement shall promptly be deposited by the landlord in a trust account, maintained by the landlord for the purpose of holding such security deposits for tenants of the landlord, in a bank, savings and loan association, mutual savings bank, or licensed escrow agent located in Washington. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the landlord shall be entitled to receipt of interest paid on such trust account deposits. The landlord shall provide the tenant with a written receipt for the deposit and shall provide written notice of the name and address and location of the depository and any subsequent change thereof. If during a tenancy the status of landlord is transferred to another, any sums in the deposit trust account affected by such transfer shall simultaneously be transferred to an equivalent trust account of the successor landlord, and the successor landlord shall promptly notify the tenant of the transfer and of the name, address and location of the new depository. The tenant's claim to any moneys paid under this section shall be prior to that of any creditor of the landlord, including a trustee in bankruptcy or receiver, even if such moneys are commingled.

Passed the House May 30, 1975.

Passed the Senate June 4, 1975.

Approved by the Governor June 26, 1975.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State June 27, 1975.

---

CHAPTER 234

[House Bill No. 798]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE—  
CONTINUING MEDICATION

AN ACT Relating to industrial insurance; and amending section 51.36.010, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 50, chapter 289, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 51.36.010.