

to counties, cities, and towns unless and until the amount of the motor vehicle fund arising from the excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels and available for state highway purposes proves insufficient to meet the requirements, for bond retirement or interest on any such bonds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. At least one year prior to the date any interest is due and payable on such bonds or before the maturity date of any such bonds, the state finance committee shall estimate, subject to the provisions of section 7 of this act, the percentage of the receipts in money of the motor vehicle fund, resulting from collection of excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels, for each month of the year which shall be required to meet interest or bond payments hereunder when due, and shall notify the state treasurer of such estimated requirement. The state treasurer shall thereafter from time to time each month as such funds are paid into the motor vehicle fund, transfer such percentage of the monthly receipts from excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels of the motor vehicle fund to the bond retirement fund, hereby created, which fund shall be available solely for payment of interest or bonds when due. If in any month it shall appear that the estimated percentage of money so made is insufficient to meet the requirements for interest or bond retirement, the state treasurer shall notify the state finance committee forthwith and such committee shall adjust its estimates so that all requirements for interest and principal of all bonds issued shall be fully met at all times.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Whenever the percentage of the motor vehicle fund arising from excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels payable into the bond retirement fund, shall prove more than is required for the payment of interest on bonds when due, or current retirement of bonds, any excess may, in the discretion of the state finance committee, be available for the prior redemption of any bonds or remain available in the fund to reduce the requirements upon the fuel excise tax portion of the motor vehicle fund at the next interest or bond payment period.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 1 through 9 of this act shall be added to chapter 47.10 RCW.

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CHAPTER 67

[Senate Bill No. 3247]

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS— EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

AN ACT Relating to volunteer fire departments; and amending section 5, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 and RCW 41.24.050.

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

Section 1. Section 5, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 and RCW 41.24.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Each municipal corporation shall by appropriate legislation limit the membership of its volunteer fire department to not to exceed twenty-five firemen for each

one thousand population or fraction thereof: PROVIDED, That any fire department maintaining and operating an emergency first aid and ambulance service requiring emergency medical training under chapter 18.73 RCW shall be permitted to increase its membership by the number of firemen obtaining and maintaining such qualification: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no person serving as an emergency medical technician or first aid vehicle operator under chapter 18.73 RCW shall be permitted to join the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system solely on the basis of such service: PROVIDED FURTHER, That in no case shall the membership of any fire department coming under the provisions of this chapter be limited to less than fifteen firemen.

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CHAPTER 68

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3271]

BUSINESS COORDINATION ACT

AN ACT Relating to commerce and economic development; and adding new sections to chapter 43.31 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.31 RCW a new section to read as follows:

It is the sense of the legislature that the heavy burdens placed upon persons proposing to undertake certain types of businesses in this state through requirements to obtain numerous permits and related documents from various state agencies are undesirable and should be alleviated. The legislature further finds that present methods for obtaining such permits from state agencies are cumbersome and place undue hardships on persons attempting to go into business for themselves. The legislature further finds that multiple inspections related to these permits by the various state agencies is also a burden on many businesses which should be alleviated.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that a pilot program be established to seek to alleviate these problems for one type of business, grocery stores, with the intent that additional businesses will be assisted as the mechanics of this pilot program are established and proven workable.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 43.31 RCW a new section to read as follows:

For purposes of sections 1 through 8 of this act the following words mean, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Department" means the department of commerce and economic development.

(2) "Permit" means any license, permit, certificate, certification, approval, compliance schedule, or other similar document pertaining to regulation of businesses in general, and handling the products normally sold in grocery stores, plus