

of the candidates for president and vice president of the several political parties, which shall be printed on the ballot. The names of candidates for electors of president and vice president shall not be printed upon the ballots. The votes cast for candidates for president and vice president of each political party shall be counted for the candidates for presidential electors of such political party, whose names have been filed with the secretary of state.

Sec. 2. Section 29.71.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.71.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The electors of the president and vice president shall convene at the seat of government on the day fixed by federal statute, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon of that day. If there is any vacancy in the office of an elector occasioned by death, refusal to act, neglect to attend, or otherwise, the electors present shall immediately proceed to fill it by viva voce, and plurality of votes. When all of the electors have appeared and the vacancies have been filled they shall constitute the college of electors of the state of Washington, and shall proceed to perform the duties required of them by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Any elector who votes for a person or persons not nominated by the party of which he or she is an elector shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to a fine of one thousand dollars.

Passed the Senate June 6, 1977.

Passed the House June 4, 1977.

Approved by the Governor June 15, 1977.

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CHAPTER 239

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3044]

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE—MEDICAL AID—CARE PROVIDED BY PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

AN ACT Relating to physicians' assistants; and amending section 51.04.030, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 74, chapter 289, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 51.04.030.

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

Section 1. Section 51.04.030, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 74, chapter 289, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 51.04.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The director shall, through the division of industrial insurance, supervise the providing of prompt and efficient care and treatment, including care provided by physicians' assistants governed by the provisions of chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW, acting under a supervising physician to workmen injured ((tm)) during the course of their employment at the least cost consistent with promptness and efficiency, without discrimination or favoritism, and with as great uniformity as the various and diverse surrounding circumstances and locations of industries will permit and to that end shall, from time to time, establish and promulgate and supervise the administration of printed forms, rules, regulations, and practices for the furnishing of such care and treatment.

The director shall make and, from time to time, change as may be, and promulgate a fee bill of the maximum charges to be made by any physician, surgeon,

hospital, druggist, physicians' assistants as defined in chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW, acting under a supervising physician or other agency or person rendering services to injured workmen. No service covered under this title shall be charged or paid at a rate or rates exceeding those specified in such fee bill, and no contract providing for greater fees shall be valid as to the excess.

The director or self-insurer, as the case may be, shall make a record of the commencement of every disability and the termination thereof and, when bills are rendered for the care and treatment of injured workmen, shall approve and pay those which conform to the promulgated rules, regulations, and practices of the director and may reject any bill or item thereof incurred in violation of the principles laid down in this section or the rules and regulations promulgated under it.

Passed the Senate May 2, 1977.

Passed the House June 7, 1977.

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CHAPTER 240

[Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 3067]

WASHINGTON STATE REGISTER ACT OF 1977

AN ACT Relating to state government; amending section 3, chapter 57, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.19.030; amending section 4, chapter 57, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 4, chapter 46, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.19.040; amending section 3, chapter 237, Laws of 1967 as amended by section 17, chapter 250, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 34.04.025; amending section 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1959 and RCW 34.04.030; amending section 5, chapter 234, Laws of 1959 and RCW 34.04.050; adding a new section to chapter 1.08 RCW; creating a new chapter in Title 34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.30 RCW; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that a need exists to adequately inform the public on the conduct of the people's business by state government, and that providing adequate notice of the affairs of government enables the public to actively participate in the conduct of state government. The legislature further finds that the promulgation of rules by state agencies has a direct effect on the ability of the people to conduct their personal affairs and knowledgeably deal with state government. It is therefore the intent and purpose of sections 2 and 12 of this 1977 amendatory act and of this chapter to require the publication of a state register by which the public will be adequately informed of the activities of government and where they may actively participate in the conduct of state government and influence the decision making process of the people's business.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 1.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The statute law committee, in addition to the other responsibilities enumerated in this chapter, shall cause to be published the Washington State Register as created in section 3 of this 1977 amendatory act. The statute law committee and/or the code reviser may adopt such rules as are necessary for the effective operation of such service.