

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, words used in this chapter have the following meaning:

(1) "Board" means the state employees' insurance board established under the provisions of RCW 41.05.020.

(2) "Employee" shall include all full time and career seasonal employees of the state, a county, a municipality, or other political subdivision of the state, whether or not covered by civil service; elected and appointed officials of the executive branch of government, including full time members of boards, commissions, or committees; and shall include any or all part time and temporary employees under the terms and conditions established by the board; justices of the supreme court and judges of the court of appeals and the superior courts; and members of the state legislature or of the legislative authority of any county, city, or town who are elected to office after February 20, 1970.

(3) "Panel medicine plan" means a health care plan which can be offered by a health care service contractor which itself furnishes the health care service contracted for by means of a group practice prepaid medical care plan, and also includes a health maintenance organization holding a valid certificate of registration under chapter 48.46 RCW.

(4) "Trustee" shall mean the director of personnel.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 41.05 RCW a new section to read as follows:

When a dependent becomes ineligible under the state plan and wishes to continue coverage on an individual basis with the same provider under the state plan, such dependent shall be entitled to immediately transfer and shall not be required to undergo any waiting period before obtaining individual coverage.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 1, chapter 190, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 41.05.020 are each repealed.

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CHAPTER 126

[House Bill No. 149]

COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES—FILING FEE COLLECTION

AN ACT Relating to law libraries; amending section 1, chapter 249, Laws of 1953 as last amended by section 3, chapter 141, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 27.24.070; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 249, Laws of 1953 as last amended by section 3, chapter 141, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 27.24.070 are each amended to read as follows:

In each county pursuant to this chapter, the clerk of the superior court shall pay from each fee collected for the filing in his office of every new probate or civil matter, including appeals, (~~((abstracts or transcripts of judgments,))~~) the sum of (~~((three))~~) seven dollars for the support of the law library in that county or the regional law library to which the county belongs, which shall be paid to the county treasurer to be credited to the county or regional law library fund: PROVIDED, That upon a showing of need the (~~((three))~~) seven dollar fee may be increased up to (~~((five))~~) nine dollars upon the request of the law library board of trustees and with the approval of the county legislative body or bodies. There shall be paid from the filing fee paid by each person instituting an action, when the first paper is filed, to each justice of the peace in every civil action commenced in such court where the demand or value of the property in controversy is (~~((one))~~) three hundred dollars or more, in addition to the other fees required by law the sum of (~~((one))~~) three dollars (~~((and fifty cents))~~) as fees for the support of the law library in that county or for the regional law library which are to be taxed as part of costs in each case.

The justice of the peace shall pay such fees so collected to the county treasurer to be credited to the county or regional law library fund.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 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 127

[Substitute House Bill No. 480]

ANTIDISCRIMINATION PROTECTION—SENSORY, MENTAL, OR PHYSICAL HANDICAP

AN ACT Relating to discrimination; amending section 4, chapter 115, Laws of 1969 and RCW 48.44.220; amending section 2, chapter 183, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 1, chapter 192, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 49.60.030; amending section 3, chapter 183, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 4, chapter 141, Laws of 1973 and RCW 49.60.040; amending section 1, chapter 68, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 14, chapter 301, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 49.60.175; amending section 5, chapter 141, Laws of 1973 and RCW 49.60.176; amending section 6, chapter 141, Laws of 1973 as amended by section 2, chapter 32, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 49.60.178; amending section 14, chapter 37, Laws of 1957 and RCW 49.60.215; amending section 4, chapter 167, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 145, Laws of