

which the vessel is registered, unless the director of licensing extends or diminishes vessel registration periods for the purpose of staggered renewal periods under RCW 88.02.050. A vessel is registered for the first time in this state when the vessel was not registered in this state for the immediately preceding registration year, or when the vessel was registered in another jurisdiction for the immediately preceding year.

(3) The moneys collected under this section shall be distributed by the county monthly to the parties to the interlocal agreement, and other municipal corporations entitled to compensation, according to the terms of the agreement. Moneys collected under this section shall be used only for administration and enforcement of boating safety, search and rescue operations concerning boating, and boating patrols.

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CHAPTER 262

[House Bill No. 1951]

HOSPITAL RATE REVIEW AND APPROVAL—EXEMPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to exemption from hospital rate review and approval; and adding a new section to chapter 70.39 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 70.39 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The commission shall exempt a hospital from the rate review and approval provisions of RCW 70.39.140 if:

(a) The hospital is located within fifteen miles of one or more hospitals located in a jurisdiction that is not subject to RCW 70.39.140; and

(b) The hospital or hospitals not subject to RCW 70.39.140 have the existing capacity to absorb twenty-five percent or more of the patients served by the hospital exempted under this section.

(2) The exemption provided by this section shall not affect the exempted hospital's responsibility to make on a timely basis all filings required by the commission pursuant to this chapter. In addition, an exempted hospital shall provide on a timely basis other pertinent data that may be requested from time to time by the commission.

(3) This section shall expire June 30, 1991.

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