

presented to the sentencing court and all written findings of facts and conclusions of law as to sentencing entered by the court shall be sent to the department by the clerk of the court at the conclusion of the sentencing and shall accompany the offender if the offender is committed to the custody of the department. Court clerks shall provide, without charge, certified copies of documents relating to criminal convictions requested by prosecuting attorneys.

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.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1988.

Passed the House March 3, 1988.

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CHAPTER 61

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1388]

EMERGENCY LODGING FOR HOMELESS PERSONS—TAX REVISIONS

AN ACT Relating to excise taxation on lodging; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 67.40 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to emergency lodging provided for homeless persons for a period of less than thirty consecutive days under a shelter voucher program administered by an eligible organization.

(2) For the purposes of this exemption, an eligible organization includes only cities, towns, and counties, or their respective agencies, and groups providing emergency food and shelter services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 67.28 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The tax levied by RCW 67.28.180 and 67.28.182 shall not apply to emergency lodging provided for homeless persons for a period of thirty consecutive days under a shelter voucher program administered by an eligible organization.

(2) For the purposes of this exemption, an eligible organization includes only cities, towns, and counties, or their respective agencies, and groups providing emergency food and shelter services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 67.40 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The tax levied by RCW 67.40.090 and the tax authorized under RCW 67.40.100(2) shall not apply to emergency lodging provided for homeless persons for a period of less than thirty consecutive days under a shelter voucher program administered by an eligible organization.

(2) For the purposes of this exemption, an eligible organization includes only cities, towns, and counties, or their respective agencies, and groups providing emergency food and shelter services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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CHAPTER 62

[Substitute House Bill No. 1339]

UNLAWFUL USE OF FOOD STAMPS—CLASS C FELONY

AN ACT Relating to the illegal transfer of food stamps; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.320; adding a new section to chapter 9.91 RCW; repealing RCW 9.91.120; and prescribing penalties.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 9.91 RCW to read as follows:

(1) A person who sells food coupons obtained through the program established under RCW 74.04.500, or food purchased therewith, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor under RCW 9A.20.021 if the value of the coupons or food transferred exceeds one hundred dollars, and is guilty of a misdemeanor under RCW 9A.20.021 if the value of the coupons or food transferred is one hundred dollars or less.

(2) A person who purchases, or who otherwise acquires and sells, or who traffics in, food coupons issued to another person through the program established under RCW 74.04.500, is guilty of a class C felony under RCW 9A.20.021 if the face value of the coupons exceeds one hundred dollars, and is guilty of a gross misdemeanor under RCW 9A.20.021 if the face value of the coupons is one hundred dollars or less.

(3) A person who, in violation of 7 U.S.C. Sec. 2024(c), obtains and presents food coupons for redemption or causes such coupons to be presented for redemption through the program established under RCW 74.04.500 is guilty of a class C felony under RCW 9A.20.021.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 115, Laws of 1983 as last amended by section 4, chapter 187, Laws of 1987 and by section 1, chapter 224, Laws of