

faithful discharge of his duties. Such reporter in each court is hereby declared to be a necessary part of the judicial system of the state of Washington.

Passed the Senate February 12, 1988.

Passed the House March 3, 1988.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1988.

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## CHAPTER 67

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1089]

### BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX—EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

AN ACT Relating to the business and occupation tax on amounts received for employee benefits; amending RCW 82.04.4297; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 17, chapter 37, Laws of 1980 and RCW 82.04.4297 are each amended to read as follows:

In computing tax there may be deducted from the measure of tax amounts received from the United States or any instrumentality thereof or from the state of Washington or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof as compensation for, or to support, health or social welfare services rendered by a health or social welfare organization or by a municipal corporation or political subdivision, except deductions are not allowed under this section for amounts that are received under an employee benefit plan.

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 House February 15, 1988.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1988.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1988.

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## CHAPTER 68

[Substitute House Bill No. 1336]

### FRESH PERISHABLE HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS—MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES USED IN PACKING ARE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPT

AN ACT Relating to retail sales and use tax exemptions for receiving, washing, sorting, and packing horticultural products; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW.

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:

The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of materials and supplies directly used in the packing of fresh perishable horticultural products by any person entitled to a deduction under RCW 82.04.4287 either as an agent or an independent contractor.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW to read as follows:

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with respect to the use of materials and supplies directly used in the packing of fresh perishable horticultural products by any person entitled to a deduction under RCW 82.04.4287 either as an agent or an independent contractor.

Passed the House February 9, 1988.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1988.

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## CHAPTER 69

[Senate Bill No. 6227]

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

AN ACT Relating to acknowledgments; and amending RCW 64.08.050, 64.08.060, 64.08.070, and 42.44.100.

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

Sec. 1. Section 6, chapter 33, Laws of 1929 and RCW 64.08.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The officer, or person, taking an acknowledgment as in this ((act)) chapter provided, shall certify the same by a certificate written upon or annexed to the instrument acknowledged and signed by him or her and sealed with his or her official seal, if any ((he has)), and reciting in substance that the person, or persons, known to him or her as, or determined by satisfactory evidence to be, the person, or persons, whose name, or names, are signed to the instrument as executing the same, acknowledged before him or her on the date stated in the certificate that he, she, or they, executed the same freely and voluntarily((, on the date stated in the certificate)). Such certificate shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein recited. The officer or person taking the acknowledgment has satisfactory evidence that a person is the person whose name is signed on the instrument if that person: (1) Is personally known to the officer or person taking the acknowledgment; (2) is identified upon the oath or affirmation of a credible witness personally known to the officer or person taking the acknowledgment; or (3) is identified on the basis of identification documents.