

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 243

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4306]

PUBLIC HEALTH—CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVES—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH CREATED

AN ACT Relating to public health; amending section 43.20.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 11, chapter 18, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 43.20.030; adding a new section to chapter 43.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 43.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Consumer representative" means any person who is not an elected official, who has no fiduciary obligation to a health facility or other health agency, and who has no material financial interest in the rendering of health services.

(2) "Local health board" means a health board created pursuant to chapter 70.05, 70.08, or 70.46 RCW.

(3) "Local health officer" means the legally qualified physician appointed as a health officer pursuant to chapter 70.05, 70.08, or 70.46 RCW.

Sec. 2. Section 43.20.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 11, chapter 18, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 43.20.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The state board of health shall be composed of ~~((six))~~ ten members. These shall be the secretary or ~~((his))~~ the secretary's designee and ~~((five))~~ nine other persons to be appointed by the governor, including four persons experienced in matters of health and sanitation, an elected city official who is a member of a local health board, an elected county official who is a member of a local health board, a local health officer, and ~~((one))~~ two persons representing the consumers of health care. Before appointing the city official, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the association of Washington cities. Before appointing the county official, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the Washington state association of counties. Before appointing the local health officer, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the Washington state association of local public health officials. Before appointing one of the

two consumer representatives, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the state council on aging. The chairman shall be selected by the governor from among the ((five)) nine appointed members ((appointed by him)). The department of social and health services shall provide necessary technical staff support to the board. The board may employ an executive director and a confidential secretary, each of whom shall be exempt from the provisions of the state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) There is created the joint select committee on public health. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(a) Two majority members and two minority members of the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate;

(b) Two majority members and two minority members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(c) The chair of the state board of health or the chair's designee;

(d) The chair of the state health coordinating council or the chair's designee;

(e) The director of the department of veterans affairs or the director's designee;

(f) The secretary of social and health services or the secretary's designee;

(g) A local public health official to be appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives acting jointly;

(h) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW to be appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives acting jointly; and

(i) Two persons who have demonstrated an interest in public health. One of these persons shall be appointed by the president of the senate and the other shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(2) Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses by their respective houses as provided under RCW 44.04-.120. Nonlegislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The cost of travel expenses for members appointed under subsection (1) (h) and (i) of this section shall be paid by the senate and the house of representatives, the costs to be divided equally between the two houses.

(3) The committee shall study issues pertaining to public health and report its conclusions and recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 1986, on which date the committee shall cease to exist.

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