

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. Section captions and part divisions in this act do not constitute any part of the law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. 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 March 8, 1988.

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CHAPTER 91

[Senate Bill No. 6745]

TELECOMMUNICATIONS—DISCLOSURE OF ALTERNATE OPERATOR SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to alternate operator services; and adding new sections to chapter 80.36 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that a growing number of companies provide, in a nonresidential setting, telecommunications services necessary to long distance service without disclosing the services provided or the rate, charge or fee. The legislature finds that provision of these services without disclosure to consumers is a deceptive trade practice.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The utilities and transportation commission shall by rule require, at a minimum, that any telecommunications company, operating as or contracting with an alternate operator services company, assure appropriate disclosure to consumers of the provision and the rate, charge or fee of services provided by an alternate operator services company.

For the purposes of this chapter, "alternate operator services company" means a person providing a connection to intrastate or interstate long-distance services from places including, but not limited to, hotels, motels, hospitals, and customer-owned pay telephones.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In addition to the penalties provided in this title, a violation of section 1 or 2 of this act constitutes a violation of chapter 19.86 RCW, the consumer protection act. It shall be presumed that damages to the consumer are equal to the cost of the service provided plus two hundred dollars. Additional damages must be proved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each added to chapter 80.36 RCW.

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CHAPTER 92

[Senate Bill No. 6245]

EXCESS EARNINGS ACCOUNT

AN ACT Relating to investment of bond proceeds; adding a new section to chapter 39.42 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 39.42 RCW to read as follows:

The excess earnings account is created in the state treasury. From the revenue funds from which principal and interest payments on bonds are provided, the state treasurer shall periodically transfer to the excess earnings account such amounts as are owed to the federal government under section 148 of the federal internal revenue code. Pursuant to legislative appropriation from the excess earnings account, the state treasurer shall periodically remit to the United States treasury any amounts owed to the federal government under section 148 of the federal internal revenue code.

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 93

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6404]

EMERGENCY PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS—LOW-INTEREST OR INTEREST-FREE LOANS

AN ACT Relating to funding emergency public works projects from the public works assistance account; amending RCW 43.155.060 and 43.155.070; and adding a new section to chapter 43.155 RCW.

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