

CHAPTER 34.

[House Bill No. 264.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—FRAUD—PENALTIES.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; adding a new section to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and Title 74 RCW; repealing section 74.08.330, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.08-.330; providing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to Title 74 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Public assistance. Fraud in procurement of public assistance, aiding in disposal of real property of recipient—Penalties.

Any person who by means of a wilfully false statement, or representation, or impersonation, or a wilful failure to reveal any material fact, condition or circumstance affecting eligibility of need for assistance, including medical care, surplus commodities and food stamps, as required by law, or a wilful failure to promptly notify the county office in writing as required by law or any change in status in respect to resources, or income, or need, or family composition, money contribution and other support, from whatever source derived, or any other change in circumstances affecting his eligibility or need for assistance, or other fraudulent device, obtains, or attempts to obtain, or aids or abets any person to obtain any public assistance to which he is not entitled or greater public assistance than that to which he is justly entitled shall be guilty of grand larceny and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than fifteen years.

Any person who by means of a wilfully false statement or representation or by impersonation or other fraudulent device aids or abets in buying, selling, or in any other way disposing of the real property of a recipient of public assistance without the

consent of the director shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year in the county jail or a fine of not to exceed one thousand dollars or by both.

SEC. 2. Section 74.08.330, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.08.330 are each repealed. Repeal.

SEC. 3. 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. Emergency.

Passed the House March 16, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 24, 1965.

Approved by the Governor April 2, 1965.

CHAPTER 35.

[House Bill No. 271.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—INCOME—DEDUCTIONS FROM GRANTS.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; amending section 74.04-.265, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.265.

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

SECTION 1. Section 74.04.265, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.265 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 74.04.265 amended.

The director may issue rules consistent with federal laws and with memorials of the legislature, as will recognize the income of any persons without the deduction in full thereof from the amount of their grants. Public assistance. Rules may allow income without grant deduction.

Passed the House March 18, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 23, 1965.

Approved by the Governor April 2, 1965.