

provisions of RCW 28A.04.120, as now or hereafter amended. Attendance shall be voluntary.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1974 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 162  
[Senate Bill No. 3257]  
ANTITRUST REVOLVING FUND

AN ACT Relating to the creation of an antitrust revolving fund; and adding new sections to chapter 43.10 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.10 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislature having found that antitrust laws and the enforcement thereof are necessary for the protection of consumers and businesses, and further that the creation of an antitrust revolving fund provides a reasonable means of funding antitrust actions by the attorney general, and that the existence of such a fund increases the possibility of obtaining funding from other sources, now therefore creates the antitrust revolving fund.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 43.10 RCW a new section to read as follows:

There is hereby created the antitrust revolving fund in the custody of the state treasurer which shall consist of: Funds appropriated to the revolving fund, funds transferred to the revolving fund pursuant to a court order or judgment in an antitrust action; gifts or grants made to the revolving fund; and funds awarded to the state or any agency thereof for the recovery of costs and attorney fees in an antitrust action: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That to the extent that such costs constitute reimbursement for expenses directly paid from constitutionally dedicated funds, such recoveries shall be transferred to the constitutionally dedicated fund.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 43.10 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The attorney general is authorized to expend from the antitrust revolving fund, created by this act, such funds as are necessary for the payment of costs, expenses and charges incurred in

the preparation, institution and maintenance of antitrust actions under the state and federal antitrust acts.

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CHAPTER 163  
[Senate Bill No. 3380]  
HOSPITAL COMMISSION--  
COST CONTAINMENT CONTROL PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to health care services; enabling the hospital commission to undertake a state cost containment control program in lieu of a federal control program as authorized under federal law and regulation; amending section 15, chapter 5, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 70.39.140; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 15, chapter 5, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 70.39.140 are each amended to read as follows:

From and after a date not less than twelve months but not more than twenty-four months after the adoption of the uniform system of accounting and financial reporting required by RCW 70.39.100, as the commission may direct, the commission shall have the power to initiate such reviews or investigations as may be necessary to assure all purchasers of hospital health care services that the total costs of a hospital are reasonably related to the total services offered by that hospital, that the hospital's aggregate revenues as expressed by rates are reasonably related to the hospital's aggregate costs; and that rates are set equitably among all purchasers or classes of purchasers of services without undue discrimination or preference.

In order to properly discharge these obligations, the commission shall have full power to review projected annual revenues and approve the reasonableness of rates proposed to generate that revenue established or requested by any hospital subject to the provisions of this chapter. No hospital shall charge for services at rates other than those established in accordance with the procedures established hereunder.

In the interest of promoting the most efficient and effective use of hospital health care service, the commission may promote and approve alternative methods of rate determination and payment of an experimental nature that may be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of this chapter.