

the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 79

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2630]

MIGRANT LABOR HOUSING PROJECT, YAKIMA COUNTY—USE FEES— EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION— APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to the migrant labor housing project in Yakima county; amending section 1, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 287, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 70.114.010; amending section 4, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 287, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 70.114.020; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 287, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 70.114.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds that the migrant labor housing project constructed on property purchased by the state in Yakima county should be continued until ~~((December 1, 1978))~~ June 30, 1981. The employment security department is authorized to set day use or extended period use fees, consistent with those established by the department of parks and recreation.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 125, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 287, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 70.114.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The employment security department ~~((of general administration))~~ is authorized to enter into such agreements and contracts as may be necessary to provide for the continued operation of the facility by a state agency, an appropriate local governmental body, or by such other entity as the ~~((director))~~ commissioner may deem appropriate and in the state's best interest.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is appropriated to the employment security department from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1979, the sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this 1979 act: **PROVIDED**, That no more than sixteen thousand four hundred dollars may be used for capital improvements.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. 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 80

[Senate Bill No. 2727]

ARSON REPORTING IMMUNITY ACT

AN ACT Relating to insurance; and adding a new chapter to Title 48 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Arson Reporting Immunity Act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. As used in this chapter the following terms have the meanings indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Authorized agency" means a public agency or its official representative having legal authority to investigate the cause of a fire and to initiate criminal proceedings or further investigations if the cause was not accidental, including the following agencies:

- (a) The state fire marshal;
 - (b) The prosecuting attorney of the county where the fire occurred;
 - (c) The state attorney general, when engaged in a prosecution which is or may be connected with the fire;
 - (d) The Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any other federal agency;
- and
- (e) The United States attorney's office when authorized or charged with investigation or prosecution concerning the fire.

(2) "Insurer" means any insurer, as defined in RCW 48.01.050, which insures against loss by fire, and includes insurers under the Washington F.A.I.R. plan.

(3) "Relevant information" means information having any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the investigation or determination of the cause of any fire more probable or less probable than it would be without the information.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) Any authorized agency may request, in writing, that an insurer release to the agency any or all relevant information or evidence which the insurer may have in its possession relating to a particular fire loss, if such information or evidence is deemed important by the agency in its discretion. The information requested may include, without limitation: