

committees)). The legislature shall consider the report of the health care authority prior to acting on a legislative proposal that requires or modifies mandated benefits or mandated offerings.

*Sec. 7 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

Passed the House March 5, 1990.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1990.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 1990, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

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Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 7, House Bill No. 2411 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the health care authority."

Section 7 of the bill seeks to transfer responsibility for review of proposals for mandated health care coverage from the Department of Health to the Health Care Authority.

Less than one year ago, the Department of Health was given the responsibility for formulating the executive's policy recommendations for health care in the state. The Health Care Authority's primary responsibility is to implement the state's health care policy for public employees by purchasing affordable health care programs.

In order to avoid an appearance of conflict of interest by a major purchaser of health care programs, it is appropriate at this time that the agency responsible for policy recommendations related to mandated health coverages and the agency responsible for purchasing programs reflecting those mandates remain independent. Section 7 would dissolve this independence.

Further, the primary responsibility for the Department of Health is the "general oversight and planning for all of the state's activities as they relate to the health of its citizenry." The duty to review and comment upon proposed mandates falls within that mission and I see no reason, at this time, to shift that duty from the Department of Health.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 7 of the bill.

With the exception of section 7, House Bill No. 2411 is approved."

CHAPTER 223

[Substitute House Bill No. 1597]

GEOLOGY—EVALUATION OF NEED FOR REGULATION

AN ACT Relating to the practice of geology; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that it may be in the public interest to establish qualifications for geologists and for the practice of professional geological work.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department of licensing shall conduct an evaluation of the practice of professional geological work and make recommendations to the legislature as to what extent it is in the public interest to

regulate the practice of geological work. In conducting the evaluation, the department shall consult and work with geologists, including professional geological organizations directly involved in the practice of geology within the state of Washington. The department's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the legislature by December 1, 1990.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In the event the department finds that regulation of geological work is in the public interest, the department shall prepare a legislative proposal to implement such recommendation. The proposal may include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- (1) Definitions and criteria for qualification and practice as a professional geologist in Washington state;
- (2) The composition of a professional geologist board, including provisions for terms of office, rotation of members, and method of appointment;
- (3) Powers and responsibilities of the board;
- (4) Maintenance of a roster of professional geologists; and
- (5) A system of reciprocity with other states.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act shall expire June 30, 1991.

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CHAPTER 224

[Senate Bill No. 6391]

ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAX INTERNAL REFERENCES

AN ACT Relating to estate and transfer taxes internal references; and amending RCW 83.100.020 and 11.108.010.

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

Sec. 1. Section 83.100.020, chapter 7, Laws of 1981 2nd ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1988 and RCW 83.100.020 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Decedent" means a deceased individual;
- (2) "Department" means the department of revenue, the director of that department, or any employee of the department exercising authority lawfully delegated to him by the director;
- (3) "Federal credit" means (a) for a transfer, the maximum amount of the credit for state taxes allowed by section 2011 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or renumbered; and (b) for a generation-skipping transfer, the maximum amount of the credit for state taxes allowed by section 2604 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or renumbered;