

CHAPTER 231.

[S. B. 17.]

RELATING TO VETERANS' BONUS PAYMENTS.

AN ACT declaring the proceeds of the World War II veterans' bonus payments to be separate property, not subject to assignment and exempting the same from certain legal processes; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to chapter 73.32 of the Revised Code of Washington, derived from chapter 180, Laws of 1949, a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Bonuses exempt from legal process.

All sums paid as bonuses under this chapter shall, when received, be the separate property of the person entitled thereto and shall not be subject to assignment. All bonuses herein provided for shall be exempt from garnishment, attachment or other legal process, except that whenever an application for the bonus shall have been filed with the state auditor, a court, in any case involving the support of minor children, may direct the payment by the state auditor into the registry of the court for such disposition as the court may determine of the amount due or any portion thereof.

Exception.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

[Chapter 73.32 R.C.W. was derived from Rem. Supp. 1949, §§ 10747a to 10747m incl.]

Passed the Senate January 23, 1951.

Passed the House March 6, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1951.