

imposed by the United States.

(9) All leasehold estates held by enrolled Indians of lands owned as held by any Indian or Indian tribe where the fee ownership of such property is vested in or held in trust by the United States and which are not subleased to other than to a lessee which would qualify pursuant to this 1973 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. Notwithstanding any other provision of this 1973 amendatory act, improvements owned or being acquired by contract purchase or otherwise by any sublessee shall be taxable to such sublessee.

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CHAPTER 188
[House Bill No. 76]
DISABILITY INSURANCE

AN ACT Relating to insurance; adding new sections to chapter 48.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW, and adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 48.18 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No insurer shall refuse to renew any policy of individual disability insurance issued after July 1, 1973 because of a change in the physical or mental condition or health of any person covered thereunder: PROVIDED, That after approval of the insurance commissioner, an insurer may discharge its obligation to renew the contract by obtaining for the insured coverage with another insurer which is comparable in terms of premiums and benefits.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 48.18 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No contract of insurance enumerated in section 1 of this 1973 act shall be terminated by cancellation by the insurer during the period of contract except for nonpayment of premium. This section shall not be deemed to affect the right of the insurer to rescind the policy as limited and defined in RCW 48.18.090.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 48.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of any disability insurance contract as provided for in this chapter, benefits shall not be

denied thereunder for any health care service performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.88 RCW if (1) the service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license, and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits under this section.

The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any existing contract.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 48.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of any group disability insurance contract or blanket disability insurance contract as provided for in this chapter, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any health service performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.88 RCW if (1) the service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license, and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits under this section.

The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any existing contract.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 189

[Substitute House Bill No. 419]

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

AN ACT Relating to the Washington state teachers' retirement system; amending section 26, chapter 80, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 1, chapter 271, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 41.32.260; amending section 16, chapter 14, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 35, Laws of 1970