

## CHAPTER 117

[Substitute House Bill No. 239]

EMPLOYEES—LABOR DISPUTES—INSURANCE  
AND HEALTH CARE CONTRACT PREMIUMS

AN ACT Relating to employee benefits; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 48.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any employee whose compensation includes group disability or blanket disability insurance providing health care services, the premiums for which are paid in full or in part by an employer including the state of Washington, its political subdivisions, or municipal corporations, or paid by payroll deduction, may pay the premiums as they become due directly to the policyholder whenever the employee's compensation is suspended or terminated directly or indirectly as the result of a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute, for a period not exceeding six months and at the rate and coverages as the policy provides. During that period of time the policy may not be altered or changed. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to impair the right of the insurer to make normal decreases or increases of the premium rate upon expiration and renewal of the policy, in accordance with the provisions of the policy. Thereafter, if such insurance coverage is no longer available, then the employee shall be given the opportunity to purchase an individual policy at a rate consistent with rates filed by the insurer with the commissioner. When the employee's compensation is so suspended or terminated, the employee shall be notified immediately by the policyholder in writing, by mail addressed to the address last on record with the policyholder, that the employee may pay the premiums to the policyholder as they become due as provided in this section.

Payment of the premiums must be made when due or the insurance coverage may be terminated by the insurer.

The provisions of any insurance policy contrary to provisions of this section are void and unenforceable after the effective date of this 1975 act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 48.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any employee whose compensation includes group life insurance, the premiums for which are paid in full or in part by an employer including the state of Washington, its political subdivisions, or municipal corporations, or paid by payroll deduction, may pay the premiums as they become due directly to the policyholder whenever the employee's compensation is suspended or terminated directly or indirectly as the result of a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute, for a period not exceeding six months and at the rate and coverages as the policy provides. During that period of time the policy may not be altered or changed. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to impair the right of the insurer to make normal decreases or increases of the premium rate upon expiration and renewal of the policy, in accordance with the provisions of the policy. Thereafter, if such insurance

coverage is no longer available, then the employee shall be given the opportunity to purchase an individual policy at a rate consistent with rates filed by the insurer with the commissioner. When the employee's compensation is so suspended or terminated, the employee shall be notified immediately by the policyholder in writing, by mail addressed to the address last on record with the policyholder, that the employee may pay the premiums to the policyholder as they become due as provided in this section.

Payment of the premiums must be made when due or the insurance coverage may be terminated by the insurer.

The provisions of any insurance policy contrary to provisions of this section are void and unenforceable after the effective date of this 1975 act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 48.44 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any employee whose compensation includes a health care services contract providing health care services expenses, the premiums for which are paid in full or in part by an employer including the state of Washington, its political subdivisions, or municipal corporations, or paid by payroll deduction, may pay the premiums as they become due directly to the health care service contractor whenever the employee's compensation is suspended or terminated directly or indirectly as the result of a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute, for a period not exceeding six months and at the rate and coverages as the health care services contract provides. During that period of time such contract may not be altered or changed. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to impair the right of the insurer to make normal decreases or increases of the premium rate upon expiration and renewal of the policy, in accordance with the provisions of the policy. Thereafter, if such health care services coverage is no longer available, then the employee shall be given the opportunity to purchase an individual health care services contract at a rate consistent with rates filed by the health care service contractor with the commissioner. When the employee's compensation is so suspended or terminated, the employee shall be notified immediately by the contract holder in writing, by mail addressed to the address last of record with the contract holder, that the employee may pay the premiums to the health care service contractor as they become due as provided in this section.

Payment of the premiums must be made when due or the coverage may be terminated by the health care service contractor.

The provisions of any health care services contract contrary to provisions of this section are void and unenforceable after the effective date of this 1975 act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this 1975 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This 1975 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.

Passed the House May 21, 1975.

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Approved by the Governor May 29, 1975.

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## CHAPTER 118

[House Bill No. 305]

### MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AND CAMPERS—FEES AND TAXES—STAGGERED REGISTRATION

AN ACT Relating to staggered vehicle license registration; amending section 46.16.060, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 170, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.060; amending section 46.16.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 10, chapter 7, Laws of 1961 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.065; amending section 46.16.130, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.16.130; amending section 46.16.135, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 7, chapter 170, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.135; amending section 46.16.137, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 172, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.137; amending section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.210; amending section 46.16.220, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 9, chapter 170, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.220; amending section 46.16.320, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 206, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.320; amending section 7, chapter 231, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 41, Laws of 1975 and RCW 46.16.505; amending section 82.44.040, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 82.44.040; amending section 52, chapter 299, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 82.44.045; amending section 82.44.060, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 4, chapter 199, Laws of 1963 and RCW 82.44.060; amending section 55, chapter 299, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 82.50.400; amending section 56, chapter 299, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 2, chapter 144, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 82.50.410; amending section 61, chapter 299, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 82.50.460; adding new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.16 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) The term "registration year" for the purposes of chapters 46.16, 82.44, and 82.50 RCW shall mean the effective period of a vehicle license issued by the department. Such year shall commence at 12:01 a.m. on the date of the calendar year designated by the department and shall end at 12:01 a.m. on the same date of the next succeeding calendar year.

(2) Each registration year may be divided into twelve registration months. Each registration month shall commence on the day numerically corresponding to the day of the calendar month on which the registration year begins, and shall terminate on the numerically corresponding day of the next succeeding calendar month.

(3) Each registration year may be divided into four registration quarters, each consisting of three registration months. The first quarter shall commence with registration month one.

(4) Where the term "last day of the month" is utilized in chapters 46.16, 82.44, and 82.50 RCW in lieu of a specified day of any calendar month it shall mean the