

CHAPTER 25

[Senate Bill No. 2925]

SPOKANE EXPO '74 SITE AND FACILITIES—TITLE TRANSFER

AN ACT Relating to state property; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The Washington state legislature in its forty-second session in the year of 1971 did in its wisdom and for the benefit of the entire state pass legislation which provided for the construction, and the payment thereof of certain buildings which served as the centerpiece of an International Exposition in the city of Spokane in the year of 1974.

The leaders of business throughout the state did most kindly support the citizens and the legislators of Spokane in suggesting a funding source in the form of a surcharge of twenty-five percent on the corporate business license/filing fee. This surtax enabled the state department of general administration to construct the magnificent opera house and convention center which has enabled the city to attract many thousands of tourists who otherwise may never have come to our state.

Following the most successful operation of the International Exposition, which saw five million visitors pass through its gates, with an estimated tax benefit to the state of 9.2 million dollars, the city incurred the obligation of removing the state's exhibit from its space and converting the area to a convention center. The total expenditure of the city of 5.4 million dollars represents 60.6 percent of the construction costs.

The operation of the opera house and convention center was assumed by the city and under the supervision of the sports, entertainment, arts and convention advisory board (SEACAB) and it has attracted an increasing number of patrons each year. Despite the increased usage the revenues fail to meet the operating costs: By one hundred ninety-two thousand dollars in 1975; two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars in 1976; three hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars in 1977; and two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars in 1978. Notwithstanding these recited losses the citizens of Spokane are grateful to the state for the rich heritage of Expo '74 which was made possible by the legislature. The city now seeks title to the opera house and convention center, and the legislature acknowledges that it passes to the city the liability for maintenance and operation of the facility. The surtax on the corporate business license/filing fee remains in effect and the transfer of the ownership provided for in section 2 of this act has no general fund impact.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The department of general administration is authorized and directed to transfer fee simple ownership of the Expo '74

site and facilities to the city of Spokane, Washington, subject to acceptance by the city. The property to be transferred consists of the opera house, convention center, and grounds, acquired and built under the authority of chapter 43.96B RCW, with the following approximate legal boundaries:

That portion of the southeast quarter of section 18, township 25 N., range 43 E.W.M. in the city and county of Spokane, Washington described as follows: That land bounded by the north line of Spokane Falls Boulevard (formerly Trent Avenue); the east line of Washington Street; a line two hundred eighty feet north of and parallel to the north line of Spokane Falls Boulevard; and the west line of Spokane Falls Court, extended north.

(2) Payment or other compensation shall not be required from the city of Spokane as consideration for the transfer under subsection (1) of this section.

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CHAPTER 26

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2016]

HANDICAPPED—RESERVED PARKING SPACES—DISPLAY OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE, CARD, DECAL

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending section 1, chapter 128, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.380; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 128, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.380 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person who shall submit satisfactory proof to the director that he or she has lost both of his or her lower extremities, or who has lost the normal or full use thereof, or who is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair or who has lost both hands, shall be entitled to receive a special card to be left in a vehicle in a conspicuous place, bearing distinguishing marks, letters or numerals indicating that the vehicle is being used to transport such a privileged person. Such a privileged person shall also be entitled to receive for one motor vehicle only, a special decal to be affixed to the vehicle in a conspicuous place designated by the director, bearing distinguishing marks, letters or numerals indicating that the vehicle is owned by or primarily used for such a privileged person. Vehicles displaying the special license plate, card or decal shall be entitled to use parking places otherwise reserved for physically disabled persons pursuant to chapter 70.92 RCW, or authority implemental thereof. Whenever