

CHAPTER 72

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2411]

COUNTIES—OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES—ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES—
DEFENSE EXPENSE

AN ACT Relating to local government; and adding a new section to chapter 36.16 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 36.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever an action or proceeding for damages is brought against any officer or employee of a county of this state, arising from acts or omissions while performing or in good faith purporting to perform his or her official duties, such officer or employee may request the county to authorize the defense of the action or proceeding at the expense of the county.

If the county legislative authority finds that the acts or omissions of the officer or employee were, or in good faith purported to be, within the scope of his or her official duties, the request may be granted. If the request is granted, the necessary expenses of defending the action or proceeding shall be paid by the county. Any money judgment against the officer or employee may be paid on approval of the county legislative authority.

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CHAPTER 73

[Senate Bill No. 2430]

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION—DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION LABOR DISPUTES

AN ACT Relating to the public employment relations commission; and amending section 47-.64.040, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 35, chapter 296, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.64.040.

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

Section 1. Section 47.64.040, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 35, chapter 296, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 47.64.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Any employee(;) or employee's representative, or (~~Washington toll bridge authority~~) the department of transportation claiming labor disputes shall in writing notify the commission who shall make careful inquiry into the cause thereof and issue an order in writing advising the employee, or his

representative, and the ((authority)) department as to the decision of the commission.

The parties shall be entitled to offer evidence relating to disputes at all hearings conducted by the commission. ~~((All evidence, statements and testimony in any commission hearing under this chapter shall be transcribed and preserved by the commission and be available as a public record.))~~ The orders and awards of the commission shall be final and binding upon any employee or employees or their representatives affected thereby and upon the ~~((Washington toll bridge authority))~~ department.

The commission shall by regulation prescribe its rules of procedure.

The commission shall have the authority to subpoena any employee or employees, or their representatives, and any member or representative of the ~~((Washington toll bridge authority))~~ department, and any witnesses. The commission shall have power to require attendance of witnesses and the production of all pertinent records at any hearings held by the commission. The subpoenas of the commission shall be enforceable by order of any superior court in the state of Washington for the county within which such proceedings may be pending.

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CHAPTER 74

[Senate Bill No. 2467]

DRIVER'S LICENSE—SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION—IN-STATE OR OUT-OF-STATE

AN ACT Relating to drivers' licenses; amending section 2, chapter 27, Laws of 1969 and RCW 46.20.342; and prescribing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 27, Laws of 1969 and RCW 46.20.342 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public highway of this state at a time when his privilege so to do is suspended or revoked in this or any other state or when his policy of insurance or bond, when required under this chapter, shall have been canceled or terminated, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon the first conviction therefor, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than six months. Upon the second such conviction therefor, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than ninety days nor more than one year. Upon the third such conviction therefor, he shall be punished by imprisonment for one year. There may also be imposed in connection with each such conviction a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.