

provided the median amount is used in computing the service charge for all balances within such range.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 60, Laws of 1986 as amended by section 1, chapter 72, Laws of 1988 and RCW 63.14.135 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) On or before December 5th of each year the state treasurer shall compute the maximum service charge allowed under a retail installment contract or charge agreement under RCW 63.14.130(1)(a) for the succeeding calendar year. The treasurer shall file this charge with the state code reviser for publication in the first issue of the Washington State Register for the succeeding calendar year in compliance with RCW 34.08.020.

(2) On or before the first Wednesday of the last month of each calendar quarter the state treasurer shall compute the maximum service charge allowed for a retail installment contract for the purchase of a motor vehicle or vessel pursuant to RCW 63.14.130(2)(a) and (3)(a) respectively for the succeeding calendar quarter. The treasurer shall file this charge with the state code reviser for publication in the first issue of the Washington State Register for the succeeding calendar quarter in compliance with RCW 34.08.020.

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## CHAPTER 113

[Senate Bill No. 5987]

### STATE VEHICLES—FIELD TESTING OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS AUTHORIZED

AN ACT Relating to use of alternative fuels; and amending RCW 43.19.570.

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

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 167, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 11, chapter 163, Laws of 1982 and RCW 43.19.570 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall direct and be responsible for the acquisition, operation, maintenance, storage, repair, and replacement of state motor vehicles under its control. The department shall utilize state facilities available for the maintenance, repair, and storage of such motor vehicles, and may provide directly or by contract for the maintenance, repair, and servicing of all motor vehicles, and other property related thereto and under its control(;;).

(2) The department may arrange, by agreement with agencies, for the utilization by one of the storage, repair, or maintenance facilities of another,

with such provision for charges and credits as may be agreed upon. The department may acquire and maintain storage, repair, and maintenance facilities for the motor vehicles under its control from such funds as may be appropriated by the legislature.

(3) (a) The legislature finds that a clean environment is important and that global warming effects may be offset by decreasing the emissions of harmful compounds from motor vehicles. The legislature further finds that the state is in a position to set an example of large scale use of alternative fuels in motor vehicles.

(b) The department shall consider the use of state vehicles to conduct field tests on alternative fuels in areas where air pollution constraints may be eased by these optional fuels. These fuels should include but are not limited to gas-powered and electric-powered vehicles.

(c) For planned purchases of vehicles using alternative fuels, the department and other state agencies shall explore opportunities to purchase these vehicles together with the federal government, agencies of other states, other Washington state agencies, local governments, or private organizations for less cost.

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## CHAPTER 114

[Substitute House Bill No. 1252]

### REGISTERED NURSES—LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

AN ACT Relating to registered nurses; amending RCW 18.88.030, 18.88.050, 18.88.070, 18.88.130, 18.88.140, 18.88.150, 18.88.280, and 18.88.285; and repealing RCW 18.88.180 and 18.88.185.

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

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 202, Laws of 1949 as last amended by section 69, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.88.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever used in this chapter, terms defined in this section shall have the meanings herein specified unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

The practice of nursing means the performance of acts requiring substantial specialized knowledge, judgment and skill based upon the principles of the biological, physiological, behavioral and sociological sciences in either:

(1) The observation, assessment, diagnosis, care or counsel, and health teaching of the ill, injured or infirm, or in the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others.