

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent the disclosure of information or records deemed private and confidential under this chapter if all details identifying an individual or employing unit are deleted or the individual or employing unit consents to the disclosure.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Any ambiguities in this chapter shall be construed in a manner consistent with federal laws applying to the employment security department. If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof is held invalid by a final decision of any court or declared by the secretary of the department of labor of the United States to be inconsistent with federal laws upon which funding of the employment security department is contingent, the invalid or inconsistent provision shall be ineffective only to the extent necessary to insure compliance with the court decision or federal determination and the remainder of the chapter shall be given full effect.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Section 50, chapter 35, Laws of 1945, section 3, chapter 215, Laws of 1951, section 1, chapter 255, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 50.12.110 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Sections 1 through 11 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 50 RCW and shall be designated as chapter 50.13 RCW.

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CHAPTER 154

[Senate Bill No 2061]

HOSPITALS, PROPRIETARY PROFIT-MAKING—RATES, BASIS

AN ACT Relating to hospitals; and amending section 16, chapter 5, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 70.39.150.

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

Section 1. Section 16, chapter 5, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 70.39-.150 are each amended to read as follows:

To properly carry out its authority the commission shall:

(1) (~~Immediately upon July 16, 1973 begin to~~) Compile all relevant financial and accounting data in order to have available the statistical information necessary to properly conduct rate review and approval. Such data shall include necessary operating expenses, appropriate expenses incurred for rendering services to patients who cannot or do not pay, all properly incurred interest charges, and reasonable depreciation expenses based on the expected useful life of the property and equipment involved. The commission shall define and prescribe by rule and regulation the types and classes of charges which cannot be changed except as provided by the procedure contained in RCW 70.39.160 and it shall also obtain from each such

hospital a current rate schedule as well as any subsequent amendments or modifications of that schedule as it may require.

(2) Permit any nonprofit hospital subject to the provisions of this chapter to charge reasonable rates which will permit the hospital to render effective and efficient service in the public interest and on a solvent basis.

(3) Permit any proprietary profit-making hospital subject to the provisions of this chapter to charge reasonable rates which will permit the hospital to render effective and efficient service in the public interest and which includes an allowance for a fair return to stockholders based upon actual investment or, if the hospital elects, upon the fair value of the investment~~((, whichever is less))~~ on the effective date of this section: PROVIDED, That once the election is made it may not be changed without the approval of the commission.

(4) Take into account, in the determination of reasonable rates under this section for each hospital, the recommendations of appropriate area-wide and state comprehensive health planning agencies to ensure compliance with Washington comprehensive health planning law, chapter 70.38 RCW.

(5) Permit, in considering a request for change in or initiating a review of rate schedules or other charges, any hospital subject to the provisions of this chapter to charge rates which will in the aggregate produce sufficient total revenue for the hospital to meet all of the reasonable obligations specified in this chapter.

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CHAPTER 155

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2113]

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION—NONIMMIGRANT ALIENS—TUITION AND FEES

AN ACT Relating to institutions of higher education; creating new sections; and adding new sections to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The state's public institutions of higher education shall grant resident status for the purpose of tuition and fee payment, including operating fees and services and activities fees, to any nonimmigrant alien entering the United States under and in pursuance of the provisions of a treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and the foreign state of which he or she is a national, more specifically as referred to under the visa classification defined in Title 8, Section 1101(a)(15)(E)(i) under the Immigration and Nationality Act as in the Code of the United States of America, and to the spouse and children of any such alien.

***NEW SECTION. Sec. 2.** *There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:*