

Firemen.

2. Members of the Fire Department who are entitled to the benefits of the Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund as established by state law.

Passed the House February 24, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1945.

CHAPTER 53.

[H. B. 177.]

McKAY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

AN ACT providing for hospitalization and care of persons at McKay Memorial Research Hospital, and amending section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1941 (section 6130-32, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 636-77).

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

Amend-
ments.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1939, as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1941 (section 6130-32, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 636-77), is amended to read as follows:

Public
hospital
established.

Section 2. A public institution is hereby established at Soap Lake, Washington, to be known as the McKay Memorial Research Hospital, for the treatment and care of persons afflicted with Buerger's and for experimental and scientific study of such disease and the medicinal and curative properties of the waters of Soap Lake, and for general hospital care and treatment of indigent citizens of the State of Washington entitled to such service at public expense, to the extent that hospital facilities may be available for general hospital care and treatment under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the department: *And provided further*, That veterans and persons afflicted with Buerger's disease shall at all times be given preference

Treatment
of Buerger's
disease.

over all other persons. The Director of Finance, Budget and Business may in his discretion, open any available excess accommodations to general hospitalization of other patients, except that no patient having a contagious disease shall be admitted.

Passed the House February 16, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1945.

CHAPTER 54.

[H. B. 213.]

EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to the excise tax on motor vehicles and trailers; and amending chapter 144, Laws of 1943, by adding a new section to said chapter allocating a portion of the cities' and towns' share of the revenues produced under said law to be used for municipal research and service.

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

SECTION 1. That a new section be added to chapter 144, Laws of 1943, to be designated as section 14-a, to read as follows:

Section 14-a. Before distributing monies to the cities and towns from the Motor Vehicle Excise Fund, as provided in section 14 of this act, the State Treasurer shall make an annual deduction therefrom of a sum equal to four cents (4¢) per capita of the population of all cities or towns, determined as provided in section 14 hereof, which sum shall be apportioned and transmitted to the University of Washington for use by its Bureau of Governmental Research, and shall be used for studies and research in municipal government, publications, educational conferences and attendance thereat, and in furnishing technical, consultative and field ser-

Amend-
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Funds for
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