CHAPTER 28.

[S. B. 72.]

APPROPRIATION, DEFICIENCY—MEDICAL SERVICES.

An Act making a deficiency appropriation for medical services, as provided by law, for the department of health; and declaring an emergency.

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

Deficiency appropriation.

Section 1. By reason of a deficiency existing in the appropriation for medical services made by the Thirty-third Regular Session of the Legislature, the sum of four million five hundred and twenty-one thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty-four cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of health, from the general fund for the biennium ending March 31, 1955.

Emergency.

Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 31, 1955.

Passed the House February 16, 1955.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 29.

HOMESTEADS-VALUE.

An Act relating to homesteads, and amending section 3, chapter 196, Laws of 1945 and RCW 6.12.050.

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

Amendment.

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 196, Laws of 1945 and RCW 6.12.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Maximum value of claim.

Homesteads may be selected and claimed in lands and tenements with the improvements thereon, as defined in RCW 6.12.010, regardless of area but not exceeding in net value, of both the lands and improvements, the sum of six thousand dollars. The Use of premises thus included in the homestead must be actually intended or used as a home for the claimants, and shall not be devoted exclusively to any other purpose.

Passed the Senate January 28, 1955.

Passed the House February 16, 1955.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1955.

CHAPTER 30. [S. B. 175.]

SURETY BONDS—PREMIUMS.

An Act relating to surety bonds, allowing fiduciaries the lawful expense of reasonable bond premium, providing for the recovery of surety bond premiums as court costs, providing for the payment of premiums for bonds for appointive or elective public officers or their deputies or employees; and amending chapter 79 of the Laws of 1947, being an act to provide for an insurance code for the state of Washington by adding thereto three sections to be known as RCW 48.28.020, 48.28.030, and 48.28.040.

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

Section 1. There is added to chapter 79, Laws of New section. 1947 and to chapter 48.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(RCW 48.28.020) Any fiduciary required by law to give bonds, may include as part of his lawful premium as expense to be allowed by the court or official by whom he was appointed, the reasonable amount paid as premium for such bonds to the authorized surety insurer or to the surplus line surety insurer which issued or guaranteed such bonds.

Fiduciary may include bond expense.