

CHAPTER 187.

[S. B. 69.]

FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTIES.

AN ACT relating to federal surplus property; prescribing powers and duties of the director of general administration, county commissioners and the department of public assistance; amending section 12, chapter 285, Laws of 1955 and RCW 43.19.190; and adding new sections to Title 74 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12, chapter 285, Laws of 1955 and RCW 43.19.190 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 43.19.190 amended.

The director of general administration, through the division of purchasing, shall:

Powers and duties—Division of purchasing.

(1) Purchase all supplies for the support and maintenance of the state institutions under the control of the department of institutions, and all supplies needed for the support, maintenance, and use of the state's institutions, the offices of the elective state officers, the supreme court, the administrative and other departments of the state government, and the offices of all appointive officers of the state;

(2) Administer the "central stores" system and all of its affiliated activities;

(3) Purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, dispose of, and distribute federal surplus property and commodities for the use of any state department or political subdivision of the state, for the use of or assistance to recipients of public assistance or other needy families and individuals when certified as eligible to obtain such commodities by the state department of public assistance, and any other person or organization eligible under the terms and provisions of any federal act to receive federal surplus property or commodities;

General administration. Powers and duties—Division of purchasing.

(4) Sell or exchange personal property belonging to the state for which the office, department, or institution having custody thereof has no further use, at public or private sale and with or without notice, and cause the moneys realized from the sale of any such property to be paid into the state treasury, accompanied by a statement showing the fund from which the property sold was purchased, to which fund the state treasurer shall credit such moneys: *Provided*, That if such fund is not in existence at the time of the sale, the moneys shall be credited to the general fund.

Proviso.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to Title 74 RCW, a new section to read as follows:

Department to assist in obtaining federal surplus commodities.

The state department of public assistance is authorized to assist needy families and individuals to obtain federal surplus commodities for their use, by certifying, when such is the case, that they are eligible to receive such commodities. However, only those who are receiving or are eligible for public assistance or care and such others as may qualify in accordance with federal requirements and standards shall be certified as eligible to receive such commodities.

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to Title 74 RCW, a new section to read as follows:

Federal surplus commodities not deemed public assistance.

Federal surplus commodities shall not be deemed or construed to be public assistance and care or a substitute, in whole or in part, therefor; and the receipt of such commodities by eligible families and individuals shall not subject them, their legally responsible relatives, their property or their estates to any demand, claim or liability on account thereof. A person's need or eligibility for public assistance or care shall not be affected by his receipt of federal surplus commodities.

New section.

SEC. 4. There is added to Title 74 RCW, a new section to read as follows:

Expenditures made by the state department of public assistance for the purpose of certifying eligibility of needy families and individuals for federal surplus commodities shall be deemed to be expenditures for the administration of public assistance and care.

Expenses of certifying eligibles for federal surplus commodities.

SEC. 5. The county commissioners of any county may expend from the county general fund for the purpose of receiving, warehousing and distributing federal surplus commodities for the use of or assistance to recipients of public assistance or other needy families and individuals when such recipients, families or individuals are certified as eligible to obtain such commodities by the state department of public assistance. The county commissioners may expend county general fund moneys to carry out any such program as a sole county operation or in conjunction or cooperation with any similar program of distribution by private individuals or organizations, any department of the state, or any political subdivision of the state.

Expenditures from county general fund authorized in distributing federal surplus commodities.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1957.

Passed the House March 14, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1957.