

assent cities and towns are limited to five percent on the value of the taxable property therein (being twice the assessed valuation) as ascertained by the last completed and balanced tax rolls of such cities or towns for city or town purposes.

(3) No part of the indebtedness allowed in this chapter shall be incurred for any purpose other than strictly county, city, town, school district, township, port district, metropolitan park district, or other municipal purposes: *Provided*, That a city or town, with such assent, may become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding five percent additional, determined as herein provided, for supplying such city or town with water, artificial light, and sewers, when the works for supplying such water, light, and sewers shall be owned and controlled by the city or town: *Provided further*, That any school district may become indebted to a larger amount but not exceeding five percent additional for capital outlays.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1959.

Passed the House March 10, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1959.

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CHAPTER 228.

[ S. B. 525. ]

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

AN ACT relating to the advisory council for the department of commerce and economic development; and amending section 9, chapter 215, Laws of 1957 and RCW 43.31.090.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9, chapter 215, Laws of 1957 and RCW 43.31.090 are each amended to read as follows:

To aid and advise the director in the performance

RCW 43.31.090  
amended.

of his functions as specified in this chapter, an advisory council shall be appointed by the governor, such council to be composed of not more than fifteen members, all of whom shall be residents of this state, representing such geographical and economic areas the governor shall determine will best further the purposes of this chapter. Terms of council members shall not exceed two years and shall continue until their successors are appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Members shall receive no per diem but shall receive reimbursement for actual subsistence and traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Advisory council. Members—Terms, vacancies, expenses.

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## CHAPTER 229.

[ S. B. 117. ]

### CRIMES—SHOPLIFTING.

AN ACT relating to crimes; defining shoplifting as a gross misdemeanor; providing for arrest thereon without warrant; and declaring reasonable cause a defense in civil or criminal actions by suspected persons.

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

SECTION 1. A person who willfully takes possession of any goods, wares or merchandise of the value of less than seventy-five dollars offered for sale by any wholesale or retail store or other mercantile establishment without the consent of the seller, with the intention of converting such goods, wares or merchandise to his own use without having paid the purchase price thereof, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor of shoplifting.

Shoplifting defined—Gross misdemeanor.