

governing the voluntary admission, the treatment and release of such patients, and all other matters incident to the proper administration of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The effective date of this act shall be July 1, 1969.

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CHAPTER 124  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 80]  
PROPERTY TAXES--  
MERCHANDISE SHIPPED IN OR OUT OF STATE--  
EXEMPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; adding new sections to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.36 RCW; repealing section 3, chapter 168, Laws of 1961, as last amended by section 33, chapter 149, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., and RCW 84.36.171; repealing sections 14, 15 and 16, chapter 28, Laws of 1963 ex. sess., and RCW 84.36.172, RCW 84.36.173 and RCW 84.36.174; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

There shall be exempt from taxation a portion of each separately assessed stock of merchandise, as that word is defined in this section, owned or held by any taxpayer on the first day of January of any year computed by first multiplying the total amount of that stock of such merchandise, as determined in accordance with RCW 84.40.020, by a percentage determined by dividing the amount of such merchandise brought into this state by the taxpayer during the preceding year for that stock by the total additions to that stock by the taxpayer during that year, and then multiplying the result of the latter computation by a percentage determined by dividing the total out-of-state shipments of such merchandise by the taxpayer during the preceding year from that stock (and regardless of whether or not any such shipments

involved a sale of, or a transfer of title to, the merchandise within this state) by the total shipments of such merchandise by the taxpayer during the preceding year from that stock. As used in this section, the word "merchandise" means goods, wares, merchandise or material which were not manufactured in this state by the taxpayer and which were acquired by him (in any other manner whatsoever, including manufacture by him outside of this state) for the purpose of sale or shipment in substantially the same form in which they were acquired by him within this state or were brought into this state by him. Breaking of packages or of bulk shipments, packaging, repackaging, labeling or relabeling shall not be considered as a change in form within the meaning of this section. A taxpayer who has made no shipments of merchandise, either out-of-state or in-state, during the preceding year, may compute the percentage to be applied to the stock of merchandise on the basis of his experience from March 1 of the preceding year to the last day of February of the current year, in lieu of computing the percentage on the basis of his experience during the preceding year. The rule of strict construction shall not apply to this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any person claiming the exemption provided for in section 1 of this act shall file such claim with his listing of personal property as provided by RCW 84.40.040. The claim shall be in the form prescribed by the department of revenue, and shall require such information as the department deems necessary to substantiate the claim. The claim shall be signed and verified by the same person and in the same manner as the listing of personal property filed pursuant to RCW 84.40.040.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 84.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

An owner or agent filing a claim under section 2 of this act

shall consent to the inspection of the books and records upon which the claim has been based, such inspection to be similar in manner to that provided by RCW 84.40.340, or if the owner or agent does not maintain records within this state, the consent shall apply to the records of a warehouse, person or agent having custody of the inventory to which the claim applies. Consent to the inspection of the records shall be executed as a part of the claim. The owner, his agent, or other person having custody of the inventory referred to herein shall retain within this state, for a period of at least two years from the date of the claim, the records referred to above. If adequate records are not made available to the assessor within the county where the claim is made, then the exemption shall be denied.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 1 of this act shall not apply to goods or merchandise subject to taxation pursuant to RCW 84.56.180.

Sec. 5. Section 84,56.180, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.56.180 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever any person, firm or corporation, shall, subsequent to the first day of January of any year, bring or send into any county from outside the state any stock of goods or merchandise to be sold or disposed of in a place of business temporarily occupied for their sale, without the intention of engaging in permanent trade in such place, the owner, consignee or person in charge of the said goods or merchandise shall immediately notify the county assessor, and thereupon the assessor shall at once proceed to value the said stock of goods and merchandise at its true value, and upon fifty percent of such valuation the said owner, consignee or person in charge shall pay to the collector of taxes a tax at the rate assessed for state, county and local purposes in the taxing district in the year then current. And it shall not be lawful to sell or dispose of any such goods or merchandise as aforesaid in such taxing district until the assessor shall have been so notified as aforesaid and the tax assessed thereon paid to the collector. Every person, firm or corporation

bringing into any county of this state from outside the state any goods or merchandise after the first day of January shall be deemed subject to the provisions of this section.

This section shall not apply to goods or merchandise consigned to a person for sale at such person's permanent place of business within this state, if such person is required to list such goods or merchandise pursuant to RCW 84.40.185.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The following acts or parts thereof are hereby repealed:

- (1) Section 3, chapter 168, Laws of 1961, as last amended by section 33, chapter 149, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., and RCW 84.36.171;
- (2) Sections 14, 15 and 16, chapter 28, Laws of 1963 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.172, RCW 84.36.173 and RCW 84.36.174.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This 1969 act shall be effective as of January 1, 1969: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the repeals contained in this act shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired or any liability or obligation incurred under the provision of the statutes repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This 1969 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.

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CHAPTER 125  
[Engrossed House Bill No. 163]  
MOTOR VEHICLES--OWNERSHIP--  
PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE

AN ACT Relating to ownership of motor vehicles; adding new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to Title 46 RCW; and providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: