

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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.

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CHAPTER 203  
[Engrossed House Bill No. 640]  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE--GOVERNOR'S  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VENDOR RATES

AN ACT Relating to public assistance; adding new sections to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to Title 74 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to Title 74 RCW a new section to read as follows:

There is hereby created a governor's advisory committee on vendor rates. The committee shall be composed of seven members including the director of the state department of public assistance, who shall be the chairman, and six others appointed by the governor. Members shall be selected on the basis of their interest in public assistance and its related problems, and no less than two members shall be licensed certified public accountants. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The term "vendor rates" as used throughout this act shall include, but not be limited to, the cost reimbursement basis upon which all participating hospital organizations receive compensation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to Title 74 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The committee shall meet at least a total of three and no more than twelve times per year at such specific times and places as may be determined by the chairman. Members shall be entitled to reimbursement for his subsistence and lodging expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050, as now or hereafter amended, and for his travel expenses

as provided for in RCW 43.03.060, as now or hereafter amended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to Title 74 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Study and review the methods and procedures for establishing the rates and/or fees of all vendors of goods, services and care purchased by the department of public assistance including all medical and other welfare care and services.

(2) Provide each professional and trade association or other representative groups of each of the service areas, the opportunity to present to the committee their evidence for justifying the methods of computing and the justification for the rates and/or fees they propose.

(3) The committee shall have the authority to request vendors to appoint a fiscal intermediary to provide the committee with an evaluation and justification of the method of establishing rates and/or fees.

(4) Prepare and submit a written report to the governor, at least sixty days prior to each session of the legislature, which contains its findings and recommendations concerning the methods and procedures for establishing rates and/or fees and the specific rates and/or fees that should be paid by the department of public assistance to the various designated vendors. This report shall include the suggested effective dates of the recommended rates and/or fees when appropriate.

The vendors shall furnish adequate documented evidence related to the cost of providing their particular services, care or supplies, in the form, to the extent and at such times as the chairman may determine.

The director, as chairman of this committee, shall have the same authority as provided in RCW 74.04.290 as it is now or hereafter

amended.

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CHAPTER 204  
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CITIES, 1st, 2nd, 3rd CLASS--  
PARKING--PARKING COMMISSIONS

AN ACT Relating to cities of the first, second and third class; amending section 35.86.040, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.86-.040; amending section 35.86.020, chapter 7, Laws of 1965, as amended by section 14, chapter 144, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 35.86.020; and adding a new chapter to Title 35 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is hereby determined and declared:

- (1) The free circulation of traffic of all kinds through our cities is necessary to the health, safety and general welfare of the public, whether residing in, traveling to or through the cities of this state;
- (2) The most efficient use of the street and highway system requires availability of strategically located parking for vehicles in localities where large numbers of persons congregate;
- (3) An expanding suburban population has increased demands for further concentration of uses in central metropolitan areas, necessitating an increasing investment in streets and highways;
- (4) On-street parking is now inadequate, and becomes increasingly an inefficient and uneconomical method for temporary storage of vehicles in commercial, industrial and high-density residential areas, causing such immediate adverse consequences as the following, among others:
  - (a) Serious traffic congestion from on-street parking, which interferes with use of streets for travel, disrupts public surface transportation at peak hours, impedes rapid and effective fighting of fires and disposition of police forces, slows emergency vehicles, and inflicts hardship upon handicapped persons and others dependent upon