

CHAPTER 17  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 27]  
PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

AN ACT Relating to persons eighteen years of age or older; amending section 1, page 407, Laws of 1854 as last amended by section 2, chapter 72, Laws of 1923, and RCW 26.28.010; amending sections 1 and 5, page 404, Laws of 1854 as last amended by section 1, chapter 230, Laws of 1963, and RCW 26.04.010; amending section 11.12.010, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.12.010; amending section 3, chapter 57, Laws of 1911 as last amended by section 1, chapter 92, Laws of 1967, and RCW 2.35.060; amending section 1, chapter 57, Laws of 1911 and RCW 2.36.070; amending section .18.02, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and RCW 48-.18.020; and adding a new section to chapter 92, Laws of 1967 and to chapter 2.36 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 1, page 407, Laws of 1854 as last amended by section 2, chapter 72, Laws of 1923, and RCW 26.28.010 are each amended to read as follows:

All persons shall be deemed and taken to be of full age for all purposes at the age of twenty-one years and upwards except as hereafter provided. All persons shall be deemed and taken to be of full age and majority for the specific purposes hereafter enumerated at the age of eighteen years and upward:

(1) To enter into any marriage contract without parental consent if otherwise qualified by law;

(2) To execute a will for the disposition of both real and personal property if otherwise qualified by law;

(3) To vote in any election if authorized by the Constitution and otherwise qualified by law;

(4) To enter into any legal contractual obligation and to be legally bound thereby to the full extent as any other adult person;

(5) To make decisions in regard to their own body and the body of their lawful issue whether natural born to or adopted by such

person to the full extent allowed to any other adult person including but not limited to consent to surgical operations;

(6) To sue and be sued on any action to the full extent as any other adult person in any of the courts of this state, without the necessity for a guardian ad litem.

Sec. 2. Sections 1 and 5, page 404, Laws of 1854 as last amended by section 1, chapter 230, Laws of 1963, and RCW 26.04.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Marriage is a civil contract which may be entered into by ~~((males-of-the-age-of-twenty-one-years,-and-females))~~ persons of the age of eighteen years, who are otherwise capable: PROVIDED, That every marriage entered into in which either party shall not have attained the age of seventeen years shall be void except where this section has been waived by a superior court judge of the county in which the female resides on a showing of necessity.

Sec. 3. Section 11.12.010, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.12.010 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((The-following))~~ Any person ((s)) of sound mind who has attained the age of eighteen years may, by last will, devise all his or her estate, both real and personal ((+

~~(1)--Any-person-who-has-attained-the-age-of-majority-~~

~~(2)--Any-person-who-has-legally-married,-and-has-attained-the age-of-eighteen-years-~~

~~(3)--Any-person-who-has-attained-the-age-of-eighteen-years-and is-actively-engaged-with-the-armed-forces-of-the-United-States-or-employed-on-a-vessel-of-the-United-States-merchant-marine)).~~

All wills executed subsequent to September 16, 1940, and which meet the requirements of this section are hereby validated and shall have all the force and effect of wills executed subsequent to the taking effect of this section.

Sec. 4. Section .18.02, chapter 79, Laws of 1947 and RCW 48-.18.020 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any person ~~((of-competent-legal-capacity))~~ eighteen years

or older shall be considered of full legal age and may contract for insurance. Any person seventeen years or younger shall be considered a minor for purposes of Title 48 RCW.

(2) A minor not less than fifteen years of age as at nearest birthday may, notwithstanding such minority, contract for life or disability insurance on his own life or body, for his own benefit or for the benefit of his father, mother, spouse, child, brother, sister, or grandparent, and may exercise all rights and powers with respect to or under the contract as though of full legal age, and may surrender his interest therein and give a valid discharge for any benefit accruing or money payable thereunder. The minor shall not, by reason of his minority, be entitled to rescind, avoid, or repudiate the contract, or any exercise of a right or privilege thereunder, except, that such minor, not otherwise emancipated, shall not be bound by any unperformed agreement to pay, by promissory note or otherwise any premium on any such insurance contract.

Sec. 5. Sections 13 and 14, page 83, Laws of 1866 as last amended by section 4, chapter 230, Laws of 1963 and RCW 26.04.210 are each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor, before a marriage license is issued, upon the payment of a license fee (~~(of two dollars)~~) as fixed in RCW 36-.18.010 shall require each applicant therefor to make and file in his office upon blanks to be provided by the county for that purpose, an affidavit showing that such applicant is not feeble-minded, an imbecil, insane, a common drunkard, or afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages: PROVIDED, That in addition, the affidavit of the male applicant for such marriage license shall show that such male is not afflicted with any contagious venereal disease. He shall also require an affidavit of some disinterested credible person showing that neither of said persons is an habitual criminal, and that the (~~female is over~~) applicants are the age of eighteen years or over (~~(and the male is over the age of twenty-one years)~~): PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if the consent in writing is obtained of the father,

mother, or legal guardian of the person for whom the license is required, the license may be granted in cases where the female has attained the age of seventeen years or the male has attained the age of seventeen years. Such affidavit may be subscribed and sworn to before any person authorized to administer oaths. Anyone knowingly swearing falsely to any of the statements contained in the affidavits mentioned in this section shall be deemed guilty of perjury and punished as provided by the laws of the state of Washington.

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CHAPTER 18  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 52]  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to state government; creating a department of social and health services; prescribing its composition, powers, duties and functions; transferring certain powers, duties and functions thereto from the department of health, the department of public assistance, the department of institutions, the veterans' rehabilitation council, and the division of vocational rehabilitation of the coordinating council for occupational education; abolishing the departments of health, institutions, and public assistance; abolishing the division of vocational rehabilitation of the coordinating council for occupational education; amending section 2, chapter 176, Laws of 1933 as last amended by section 41, chapter 8, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 28.10.010; amending section 31, chapter 157, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 2, chapter 105, Laws of 1969 and RCW 28.10.080; amending section 16, chapter 8, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 28.85.160; amending section 22, chapter 8, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 28.85.220; amending section 28A.10.010, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.10.010; amending section 28A.10.080, chapter 223,