

CHAPTER 51

[Substitute House Bill No. 410]

HOMEMAKER--HOME HEALTH SERVICE--AUTHORIZED

AN ACT Relating to the public health, safety, and welfare; and adding new sections to chapter 74.08 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that it is desirable to provide certain services for certain citizens in order that such persons may remain in their own homes and maintain a closer contact with the community. Such a program will seek to prevent mental and psychological deterioration which our citizens might otherwise experience.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The term "services" shall include homemaker-home health services, chore services and personal and household services.

(2) The goal of the homemaker-home health service within the department of social and health services shall be to maintain, strengthen, improve and safeguard home and family life by augmenting professional services in homes where there are social and/or health needs which interfere with the independent functioning of an individual or family.

The principal purpose of the homemaker-home health service shall be:

(a) To keep the family together while the natural homemaker is incapacitated, either in or out of the home; and to prevent family breakdown for any other reason, thus avoiding the shock of separating children from their parents, their brothers and sisters, their schools, their friends.

(b) To enable the elderly, the chronically ill, the mentally ill, retarded, or otherwise disabled individual to remain in or return to his own home among familiar surroundings whenever possible in accordance with RCW 74.08.283.

(c) To permit an individual to remain at home, or, to return home sooner than he otherwise could from an institution. This will allow for more appropriate utilization of hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities. It will help offset the cost of expensive institutional care for the family, the individual and the community.

(d) To keep the employed adult on the job who otherwise must take unscheduled time off to care for children, an elderly parent, or an ill relative.

(e) To help individuals and families learn better management of daily living, including improved child-rearing practices and self-care.

(3) Housekeeping service shall mean service primarily concerned with the performance of household tasks and the physical care of small children where required. Housekeeping services do not include the assumption of parental duties normally associated with the direction and management of children.

Housekeeping service is an additional requirement when the normal caretaker of the children:

(a) Is in the home (except for a temporary period) and retains responsibility for direction and management of the children;

(b) Is in the home but is physically unable to perform the necessary household services and/or physical care of children without assistance; and

(c) Is not available and there is no person available to render the service without cost.

(4) Chore services includes the provision of household and personal care as needed to give attention and protection for the client's safety and well-being.

Chore services means services in performing light work, household tasks or personal care which eligible persons are unable to do for themselves because of frailty or other conditions. Chore services include, but are not limited to assisting in keeping client and home neat and clean, preparation of meals, help in shopping, lawn care, simple household repairs, running errands, wood chopping, and other tasks as required.

Eligible persons shall be recipients of old age assistance, aid to the blind, disability assistance, and general assistance to the unemployable who are potential disability assistance recipients, nonrecipients sixty-five years old or over released from a mental institution who are eligible for medical assistance under the state's Title XIX plan, and those potential recipients who would otherwise be eligible for public assistance if the cost of this service were an additional grant requirement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department of social and health services is authorized to develop a program to provide for those services enumerated in section 2 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. In developing the program set forth in section 3 of this act, the department shall, to the extent possible, and consistent with federal law, enlist the services of persons receiving grants under the provisions of RCW 74.08 and RCW 74.12 to carry out the services enumerated under section 2 herein. To this end, the department shall establish appropriate rules and regulations designed to determine eligibility for employment under this section, as well as regulations designed to notify persons receiving such grants of eligibility for such employment. The department shall further establish a system of compensation to persons employed under

the provisions of this section which provides that any grants they receive under RCW 74.08 or RCW 74.12 shall be diminished by such percentage of the compensation received under this section as the department shall establish by rules and regulations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall be added to chapter 74.08 RCW.

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CHAPTER 52

[House Bill No. 422]

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES--

DIVISION NAME CHANGE,

DUTY TRANSFER

AN ACT Relating to the department of labor and industries, division of industrial safety and health; amending section 2, chapter 305, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.71.200; amending section 43.22.010, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 66, Laws of 1971 and RCW 43.22.010; amending section 43.22.040, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.040; amending section 43.22.050, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 9, chapter 239, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 43.22.050; amending section 43.22.200, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.200; amending section 43.22.210, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.210; amending section 8, chapter 131, Laws of 1937 and RCW 49.24.070; amending section 51.16.105, chapter 23, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 86, chapter 289, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 51.16.105; amending section 1, chapter 26, Laws of 1963 as amended by section 1, chapter 108, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.87.010; amending section 3, chapter 26, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 1, chapter 66, Laws of 1971 and RCW 70.87.030; repealing section 43.22.120, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.120; repealing section 43.22.130, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.130; repealing section 43.22.140, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.140; repealing section 43.22.150, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and PCW 43.22.150; repealing section 43.22.160, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.160; repealing section 43.22.170, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.22.170; repealing section