

(5) Section 28B.50.220, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 55, chapter 18, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.50.220; and

(6) Section 28B.50.770, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28B.50.770.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. This amendatory 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 July 1, 1975.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. If any provision of this amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Passed the Senate May 27, 1975.

Passed the House May 24, 1975.

Approved by the Governor June 4, 1975, with the exception of section 15 which is vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State June 4, 1975.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to one section Substitute Senate Bill No. 2463 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to vocational education; creating the commission for vocational education; transferring certain powers, duties, responsibilities, personnel, funds and equipment."

Section 15 of the bill empowers the state board of education to adopt rules and regulations for vocational-technical institutes as authorized by the act. The entire thrust of this bill, and the purpose of the prolonged negotiations that went into its formulation, was to place the responsibility for vocational education in a single, new commission. The effect of this section is to divide again this responsibility and negate much of the efforts of those who have sought to resolve the problems that led to the enactment of this bill. Accordingly, I have determined to veto section 15.

With the exception of section 15, the remainder of Substitute Senate Bill No. 2463 is approved."

CHAPTER 175

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2047]

HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME RECORDS—RETENTION

AN ACT Relating to the retention of hospital and nursing home records; adding a new section to chapter 70.41 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 18.51 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 70.41 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Unless specified otherwise by the board, a hospital shall retain and preserve all medical records which relate directly to the care and treatment of a patient for a period of no less than ten years following the most recent discharge of the patient; except the records of minors, which shall be retained and preserved for a period of no less than three years following attainment of the age of eighteen years, or ten years following such discharge, whichever is longer.

If a hospital ceases operations, it shall make immediate arrangements, as approved by the department, for preservation of its records.

The board shall by regulation define the type of records and the information required to be included in the medical records to be retained and preserved under this section; which records may be retained in photographic form pursuant to chapter 5.46 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 18.51 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Unless specified otherwise by the board, a nursing home shall retain and preserve all records which relate directly to the care and treatment of a patient for a period of no less than ten years following the most recent discharge of the patient; except the records of minors, which shall be retained and preserved for a period of no less than three years following attainment of the age of eighteen years, or ten years following such discharge, whichever is longer.

If a nursing home ceases operations, it shall make immediate arrangements, as approved by the department, for preservation of its records.

The board shall by regulation define the type of records and the information required to be included in the records to be retained and preserved under this section; which records may be retained in photographic form pursuant to chapter 5.46 RCW.

Passed the Senate May 27, 1975.

Passed the House May 22, 1975.

Approved by the Governor June 4, 1975.

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CHAPTER 176

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2070]

CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION

AN ACT Relating to crime victims compensation; amending section 2, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.020; amending section 6, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.060; amending section 7, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.070; amending section 8, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.080; amending section 11, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.110; amending section 14, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.140; adding new sections to chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and to chapter 7.68 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1. Section 2, chapter 122, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The following words and phrases as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Department" means the department of labor and industries(♣);

(2) "Criminal act" means an act committed or attempted in this state which is punishable as a felony or gross misdemeanor under the laws of this state: PROVIDED, That the operation of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, train, boat, or aircraft in violation of law does not constitute a "criminal act" unless the injury or death was intentionally inflicted or the operation thereof was part of the commission of another criminal act as defined in this section: PROVIDED FURTHER: (a) That