

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to two sections Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2408 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to public employment relations."

This bill creates a new commission on employment relations to administer many of the mediation and fact-finding duties presently vested in the Department of Labor and Industries and is intended to consolidate dispute settlement mechanisms in the public employment sector in one single agency.

The new commission set up by the bill consists of three members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. A proviso appearing in section 2 specifies that unless a member appointed when the Legislature is not in session is confirmed by the Senate during the first thirty days of the next session, that member's appointment shall be deemed rejected.

On this same date I have vetoed a section from Substitute Senate Bill No. 2500 containing an identical proviso with respect to the commission created under that bill. As stated in my message attached to that bill, I believe it is bad policy to allow the Senate to, in effect, reject an appointment to the commission by inaction. A governor goes on record in making an appointment; if the law requires confirmation by the Senate, that body should be required to go on record as confirming or rejecting the appointment. Otherwise there is no way for the record to show to the governor, the appointee, and the public those who opposed the appointment and the reasons for their opposition.

Section 3 of the bill contains a subsection which provides that all expenses of the commission, including travel expenses incurred by members and staff, shall be allowed and paid on approval by the commission itself or by someone designated by the commission for that purpose. I am concerned that this section could be interpreted to mandate approval of all gravel and subsistence expenses incurred, whether such expenses conform to the standards and limits set in RCW chapter 43.03 and regulations promulgated thereunder. I question the need for this subsection in any event, since existing law well covers the limits of and procedures for payment of necessary expenses

I recognize that the veto of sections 2 and 3 would render the rest of the bill virtually unworkable, and therefore urge the Legislature to redraft the same at the next opportune moment. With the exception of those two sections, the remainder of the bill is approved."

CHAPTER 297

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2422]

HANDICAPPED PERSONS— SPECIAL PARKING PRIVILEGES

AN ACT Relating to handicapped persons; amending section 1, chapter 128, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 26, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.16.380; amending section 2, chapter 128, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.61.580; declaring an emergency and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 128, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 26, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.16.380 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person who shall submit satisfactory proof to the director that he or she has lost both of his or her lower extremities, or who has lost the normal or full use thereof, or who is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair, shall be entitled to receive ((for one motor vehicle only;)) a special ((~~dec~~) card to be ((~~affixed to the~~) left in a vehicle in a conspicuous

place (~~designated by the director~~), bearing distinguishing marks, letters or numerals indicating that the vehicle is (~~owned by~~) being used to transport such a privileged person. Such a privileged person shall also be entitled to receive for one motor vehicle only, a special decal to be affixed to the vehicle in a conspicuous place designated by the director, bearing distinguishing marks, letters or numerals indicating that the vehicle is owned by or primarily used for such a privileged person. Whenever such owner transfers or assigns his interest in such vehicle, the special decal shall be removed. Such person shall immediately surrender the decal to the director together with a notice of the transfer of interest in such vehicle. If another vehicle is acquired by, or for the primary use of, such person, a new decal shall be issued by the director. Application for renewal, except for the permanently disabled who shall be issued a permanent card, must be made by January 10th of each renewal year together with satisfactory proof of the right to continued use of such special card and decal. No additional fees shall be charged for the issuance of such special card and decal. The director shall promulgate such rules and regulations as he deems necessary to carry into effect this section.

Any unauthorized use of such distinguishing card and decal shall constitute a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 128, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.61.580 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person who has lost both of his or her lower extremities, or who has lost the normal or full use thereof, or who is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair, shall be allowed to park (~~his~~) a vehicle being used to transport such person for unlimited periods of time in parking zones or areas which are otherwise restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted. This section shall have no application to those zones or areas in which the stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles is prohibited or which are reserved for special types of vehicles. Such person shall not be permitted the foregoing privilege unless he obtains and displays a distinguishing card or decal as provided in RCW 46.16.380.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. 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 on July 1, 1975.*

**Sec. 3. was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.*

Passed the Senate June 8, 1975.

Passed the House June 7, 1975.

Approved by the Governor July 2, 1975 with the exception of section 3 which is vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State July 2, 1975.

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

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to one section Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2422 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to handicapped persons."

This bill provides for special parking privileges to vehicles transporting persons with severe physical handicaps or disabilities.

Section 3 declares an emergency and provides for the act to take effect immediately. I have, on several recent occasions, expressed my increasing apprehension

over repeated and unwarranted use of emergency clauses in bills that do not measure up to the standard of urgency contained in Article II, section 1(b) of our Constitution. I have vetoed emergency clauses from such bills, and must do so again for the same reason in the case of this bill.

With the exception of section 3 which I have vetoed, the remainder of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2422 is approved."