

Deductions made in the past from retirement benefits are hereby expressly recognized, ratified and affirmed. Future deductions may only be made in accordance with this 1977 amendatory act.

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CHAPTER 257

[House Bill No. 825]

COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD—CERTIFICATES OF GOOD PRACTICE

AN ACT Relating to the county road administration board; amending section 9, chapter 120, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 36.78.090; and amending section 10, chapter 120, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 36.78.100.

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

Section 1. Section 9, chapter 120, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 36.78.090 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The board prior to (~~April~~) May 1st of each year shall transmit to the state treasurer certificates of good practice on behalf of the counties which during the preceding calendar year:

(a) Have submitted to the state highway commission or to the board all reports required by law or regulation of the board; and

(b) Have reasonably complied with provisions of law relating to county road administration and with the standards of good practice as formulated and adopted by the board.

(2) The board shall not transmit to the state treasurer a certificate of good practice on behalf of any county failing to meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, but the board shall in such case and before (~~April~~) May 1st, notify the county and the state treasurer of its reasons for withholding the certificate.

(3) The state treasurer, upon receiving a notice that a certificate of good practice will not be issued on behalf of a county, or that a previously issued certificate of good practice has been revoked, shall, effective (~~April 1st of such year~~) the first day of the month subsequent to that in which notice is received, withhold from such county its share of motor vehicle fuel taxes distributable pursuant to RCW 46.68.120 until the board thereafter issues on behalf of such county a certificate of good practice or a conditional certificate. After withholding or revoking a certificate of good practice with respect to any county, the board may thereafter at any time issue such a certificate or a conditional certificate when the board is satisfied that the county has complied or is diligently attempting to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

(4) The board may, upon notice and a hearing, revoke a previously issued certificate of good practice or substitute a conditional certificate therefor when, after issuance of a certificate of good practice, any county fails to meet the requirements of subsection (1) (a) and (b) of this section, but the board shall in such case notify the county and the state treasurer of its reasons for the revocation or substitution.

(5) Motor vehicle fuel taxes withheld from any county pursuant to this section shall not be distributed to any other county, but shall be retained in the motor vehicle fund to the credit of the county originally entitled thereto. Whenever the state treasurer receives from the board a certificate of good practice (~~(or a conditional certificate)~~) issued on behalf of such county he shall distribute to such county all of the funds theretofore retained in the motor vehicle fund to the credit of such county.

Sec. 2. Section 10, chapter 120, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 36.78.100 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the board finds that a county has failed to submit the reports required by RCW 36.78.090, or has failed to comply with provisions of law relating to county road administration or has failed to meet the standards of good practice as formulated and adopted by the board, the board may in lieu of withholding or revoking a certificate of good practice issue and transmit to the state treasurer on behalf of such county a conditional certificate which will authorize the continued distribution to such county all or a designated portion of its share of motor vehicle fuel taxes. The issuance of such a conditional certificate shall be upon terms and conditions as shall be deemed by the board to be appropriate. In the event a county on whose behalf a conditional certificate is issued fails to comply with the terms and conditions of such certificate, the board may forthwith cancel or modify such certificate notifying the state treasurer thereof. In such case the state treasurer shall thereafter withhold from such county all or the designated portion of its share of the motor vehicle fuel taxes as provided in RCW 36.78.090.

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CHAPTER 258

[House Bill No. 933]

HIGHWAYS—ROADSIDE AREA INFORMATION PANELS OR DISPLAYS

AN ACT Relating to highway signs; amending section 2, chapter 96, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 47.42.020; adding a new section to chapter 96, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 47.42 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 96, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 47.42.020 are each amended to read as follows:

When used in this chapter the term:

- (1) "Commission" means the Washington state highway commission;
- (2) "Erect" means to construct, build, raise, assemble, place, affix, attach, create, paint, draw, or in any other way bring into being or establish;
- (3) "Interstate system" means any state highway which is or does become part of the national system of interstate and defense highways as described in section 103(d) of title 23, United States Code;