

(11) "Business sign" means a separately attached sign mounted on the specific information panel or roadside area information panel to show the brand or trademark and name, or both, of the motorist service available on the crossroad at or near the interchange. Nationally, regionally, or locally known commercial symbols or trademarks for service stations, restaurants, and motels shall be used when applicable. The brand or trademark identification symbol used on the business sign shall be reproduced with the colors and general shape consistent with customary use. Any messages, trademarks, or brand symbols which interfere with, imitate, or resemble any official warning or regulatory traffic sign, signal, or device are prohibited;

(12) "Roadside area information panel or display" means a panel or display located so as not to be readable from the main traveled way, erected in a safety rest area, scenic overlook, or similar roadside area, for providing motorists with information in the specific interest of the traveling public.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 96, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 47.42 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The commission is authorized to permit the erection of roadside area information panels or displays adjacent to the state highway system within this state. The commission shall contract with private persons for the erection and operation of the information panels or displays. Compensation to the contractors shall be derived solely from the reasonable fees which the contractors will be permitted to charge participating businesses for making and exhibiting business signs and displays and for rendering services to tourists. No state funds will be expended in materials, personnel, or in any other form for the construction, fabrication, printing, painting, selling or maintenance of these panels or displays.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In January of 1979 the commission shall make a report to the forty-sixth legislature on the public benefit derived, if any, from the roadside area information panels or displays it has established and shall make recommendations for the extension or curtailment of the roadside area information program.

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CHAPTER 259

[Substitute House Bill No. 1142]

JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCES—AFFIXING OF FINGERPRINTS—ATTEST

AN ACT Relating to judgments and sentences; adding a new section to chapter 10.64 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 10.64 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Following the effective date of this act, there shall be affixed to the original of every judgment and sentence of a felony conviction in every court in this state and

every order adjudicating a juvenile to be a delinquent based upon conduct which would be a felony if committed by an adult, a fingerprint of the defendant or juvenile who is the subject of the order. When requested by the clerk of the court, the actual affixing of fingerprints shall be done by a representative of the office of the county sheriff.

The clerk of the court shall attest that the fingerprints appearing on the judgment in sentence, order of adjudication of delinquency, or docket, is that of the individual who is the subject of the judgment or conviction, order, or docket entry.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1977 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 immediately.

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CHAPTER 260

[Substitute House Bill No. 1189]

NURSING HOMES—ANNUAL COST REPORTS—AUDITS—RATES

AN ACT Relating to nursing homes; adding new sections to chapter 74.09 RCW; and providing penalties.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that reliability of financial information is dependent upon the application of generally accepted accounting principles and adherence to published rules of the department of social and health services. To assure that these accounting principles and rules are being applied to reports submitted by nursing homes, the legislature finds it necessary to require certain reports submitted by nursing homes to be audited by the department of social and health services in the manner prescribed in sections 2 and 3 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. All annual cost reports submitted to the state by a nursing home shall be audited annually through a field audit conducted by auditors under contract with or employed by the department of social and health services. The secretary of the department of social and health services shall establish an audit manual and program which shall require that all audits, conducted either through contract or by department employees:

(1) Comply with generally accepted auditing standards prescribed by the American institute of certified public accountants;

(2) Include a written opinion as to whether allowable costs included in the report are presented fairly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and department rules, and whether, in all material respects, allowable costs are documented, reasonable, and related to patient care;