

any deficiency disclosed by valuation, with interest not exceeding five percent per annum.

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## CHAPTER 97

[Substitute House Bill No. 675]

### PAY TOILETS

AN ACT Relating to public health, safety, and welfare; adding new sections to chapter 70.54 RCW; and defining crimes.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 70.54 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Every establishment which maintains restrooms for use by the public shall not discriminate in charges required between facilities used by men and facilities used by women.

(2) When coin lock controls are used, the controls shall be so allocated as to allow for a proportionate equality of free toilet units available to women as compared with those units available to men, and at least one-half of the units in any restroom shall be free of charge. As used in this section, toilet units are defined as constituting commodes and urinals.

(3) In situations involving coin locks placed on restroom entry doors, admission keys shall be readily provided without charge when requested, and notice as to the availability of the keys shall be posted on the restroom entry door.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 70.54 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any owner, agent, manager, or other person charged with the responsibility of the operation of an establishment who operates such establishment in violation of section 1 of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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## CHAPTER 98

[Substitute House Bill No. 440]

### HOMESTEADS

AN ACT Relating to homesteads; amending section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as amended by section 6, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.020; amending section 30, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as amended by section 8, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.040; amending section 24, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as last amended by section 1, chapter 12, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.050; amending section 31, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as amended by section 9, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.060; and repealing section 25,

chapter 64, Laws of 1895, section 1, chapter 36, Laws of 1933, section 5, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess., section 11, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.290; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as amended by section 6, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.020 are each amended to read as follows:

If the claimant be married the homestead may be selected from the community property, or, with the consent of the husband, from his separate property, or, with the consent of the wife, from her separate property: PROVIDED, That the same premises may not be claimed separately by the husband and wife with the effect of increasing the net value of the homestead available to the marital community beyond the amount specified in RCW 6.12.050 as now or hereafter amended, either at the time the declaration of homestead is filed or at any subsequent time. When the claimant is not married(~~(, but is the head of a family within the meaning of RCW 6.12.290 as now or hereafter amended,))~~) the homestead may be selected from any of his or her property.

Sec. 2. Section 30, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as amended by section 8, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.040 are each amended to read as follows:

In order to select a homestead the ~~((husband, wife, or other head of a family))~~ claimant must execute and acknowledge, in the same manner as a grant of real property is acknowledged, a declaration of homestead, and file the same for record.

Sec. 3. Section 24, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as last amended by section 1, chapter 12, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Homesteads may be selected and claimed in lands and tenements with the improvements thereon, as defined in RCW 6.12.010, regardless of area but not exceeding in net value, of both the lands and improvements, the sum of ~~((ten))~~ twenty thousand dollars. The premises thus included in the homestead must be actually intended or used as a home for the claimant~~((s))~~, and shall not be devoted exclusively to any other purpose.

Sec. 4. Section 31, chapter 64, Laws of 1895 as amended by section 9, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The declaration of homestead must contain—

(1) ~~((A statement showing that the person making it is the head of a family. (2)))~~ A statement that the person making it is residing on the premises or has purchased the same for a homestead and intends to reside thereon and claims them as a homestead.

~~((3))~~ (2) A description of the premises.

~~((4))~~ (3) An estimate of their actual cash value.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Section 25, chapter 64, Laws of 1895, section 1, chapter 36, Laws of 1933, section 5, chapter 292, Laws of 1971 ex. sess., section 11, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.12.290 are each repealed.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. This 1977 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 institution, and shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAPTER 99

[Substitute House Bill No. 327]

### PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS—CERTIFICATION AND REGULATION OF OPERATORS

AN ACT Relating to the certification and regulation of operators responsible for the operation of public water supply systems; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; providing penalties; and making an effective date.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. The legislature declares that competent operation of a public water supply system is necessary for the protection of the consumers' health, and therefore it is of vital interest to the public. In order to protect the public health and conserve and protect the water resources of the state, it is necessary to provide for the classifying of all public water supply systems; to require the examination and certification of the persons responsible for the supervision and operation of such systems; and to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations to carry out this chapter.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. As used in this chapter unless context requires another meaning:

(1) "Board" means the board established pursuant to RCW 70.95B.070 which shall be known as the water and waste water operator certification board of examiners.

(2) "Certificate" means a certificate of competency issued by the secretary stating that the operator has met the requirements for the specified operator classification of the certification program.

(3) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

(4) "Distribution system" means that portion of a public water supply system which stores, transmits, pumps and distributes water to consumers.

(5) "Nationally recognized association of certification authorities" shall mean an organization which serves as an information center for certification activities, recommends minimum standards and guidelines for classification of potable water treatment plants, water distribution systems and waste water facilities and certification of operators, facilitates reciprocity between state programs and assists authorities in establishing new certification programs and updating existing ones.

(6) "Operator" means an individual employed or appointed by any county, water district, municipality, public or private corporation, company, institution, person, or the state of Washington who is designated by the employing or appointing