

## CHAPTER 152

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2030]

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES—SICK LEAVE PAYMENT—EXCLUSION FROM  
WAGES

AN ACT Relating to accounting for public employees' sick leave; and adding new sections to chapter 41.48 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is created in the general fund a separate account to be known as the sick leave account, to be used for payments made after January 1, 1980, to state employees made on account of sickness, for the purpose of excluding such payments from the meaning of "wages" under federal old age and survivors' insurance. The legislature shall appropriate amounts necessary for the account.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The director of the office of financial management shall, by January 1, 1980, develop an accounting plan and payroll procedures sufficient to meet the requirements of federal statutes and regulations for the purpose of implementing section 1 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Nothing in sections 1 or 2 of this act shall affect the power of the state personnel board, the higher education personnel board, or any other state personnel authority to establish sick leave regulations except as may be required under sections 1 or 2 of this act: PROVIDED, That each personnel board and personnel authority shall establish the maximum number of working days an employee under its jurisdiction may be absent on account of sickness or accident disability without a medical certificate.

"Personnel authority" as used in this section, means a state agency, board, committee, or similar body having general authority to establish personnel regulations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. "Employee," as used in sections 1 and 3 of this act, includes all officers and employees of the state, except officials and employees compensated on a fee basis, for whom contributions are made to federal old age and survivors' insurance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A political subdivision of the state may, pursuant to ordinance or resolution, adopt an accounting plan and payroll procedures sufficient to meet the requirements of federal statutes and regulations and the department of health, education, and welfare for the purpose of excluding payments made on account of sickness, from the meaning of "wages" under federal old age and survivors' insurance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Payments to employees pursuant to sections 1 or 5 of this act shall be included in compensation reported to the appropriate retirement system. Any compensation for unused sick leave shall not be

considered payment on account of sickness and shall not be paid from the sick leave account.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6 of this act are added to chapter 41.48 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this 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.

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### CHAPTER 153

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2569]

#### STATE PARKS—OVERNIGHT CAMPING FEES—NONRESIDENTS' SURCHARGE

AN ACT Relating to state parks; adding a new section to chapter 43.51 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 43.51 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Persons camping overnight in state parks who are residents of other states shall pay a surcharge in addition to any camping fees charged. The surcharge shall be equal to the surcharge levied by the person's state of origin for overnight camping in state parks by nonresidents of that state. A surcharge shall not be levied on residents of foreign countries or of states that do not levy a camping surcharge on nonresidents. No surcharge shall be levied against any person camping in facilities leased by the commission to a private concessionaire or operated under lease agreement with any other governmental agency whose formal policy prohibits nonresident surcharges.

(2) The state parks and recreation commission shall adopt such rules as are necessary to administer this section. The rules shall specify the amounts of the surcharges and may provide that drivers' licenses and vehicle license plates create a presumption of residency in the state in which the licenses or plates were issued.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The provisions of this act shall expire on June 30, 1983.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or