

CHAPTER 341

[House Bill No. 677]

PUGET SOUND FERRY AND TOLL BRIDGE SYSTEM—GOVERNOR'S
EMERGENCY POWERS

AN ACT Relating to the Puget Sound ferry and toll bridge system; adding a new section to chapter 47.60 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 47.60 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The governor is authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to insure the continued operation of the Puget Sound ferry and toll bridge system under any emergency circumstances which threaten the continued operation of the system. In the event of such an emergency, the governor may assume all the powers granted by law to the transportation commission and department of transportation with respect to the ferry system. In addition, notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 47.60 and 47.64 RCW, the governor may contract with any qualified persons for the operation of the Washington state ferry system, or any part thereof, or for ferry service to be provided by privately owned vessels. Administrative costs to the office of the governor incurred in the exercise of this authority shall be reimbursed by the department.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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.

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 immediately.

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Passed the Senate April 26, 1981.

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CHAPTER 342

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 4283]

MOTOR VEHICLES—FUEL TAX, RATE, ALCOHOL TAX CREDIT—LICENSE
FEE—FERRY TOLLS—STATE PATROL FUNDING

AN ACT Relating to transportation; amending section 82.36.010, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 223, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 82.36.010; amending section 6, chapter 317, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as amended by section 224, chapter 158,