

## CHAPTER 25

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3162]

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS—SALE OF DONATED MATERIAL NOT A  
COMMERCIAL USE—CONDITIONS

AN ACT Relating to property taxation of nonprofit organizations; and amending section 2, chapter 40, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.030.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 40, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 84-.36.030 are each amended to read as follows:

The following real and personal property shall be exempt from taxation:

Property owned by nonprofit(~~(, nonsectarian))~~) organizations or associations, organized and conducted for nonsectarian purposes, which shall be solely used, or to the extent used, for character-building, benevolent, protective or rehabilitative social services directed at persons of all ages. The sale of donated merchandise shall not be considered a commercial use of the property under this section if the proceeds are devoted to the furtherance of the purposes of the selling organization or association as specified in this paragraph;

Property owned by any nonprofit church, denomination, group of churches, or an organization or association, the membership of which is comprised solely of churches or their qualified representatives, which is utilized as a camp facility if exclusively and/or jointly used for organized and supervised recreational activities and church purposes as related to such camp facilities. The rental of property otherwise exempt under this paragraph to another nonprofit church or a nonsectarian organization or association, nonprofit school or college exempt under this chapter for the use by the lessee for the purposes set forth in this paragraph shall not nullify the exemption provided for in this paragraph if the rental income is devoted solely to the operation and maintenance of the property. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall apply to a maximum of two hundred acres of any such camp as selected by the church, including buildings and other improvements thereon.

Property, including buildings and improvements required for the maintenance and safeguarding of such property, owned by nonprofit organizations or associations engaged in character building of boys and girls under eighteen years of age, and solely used, or to the extent used, for such purposes and uses, provided such purposes and uses are for the general public good: PROVIDED, That if existing charters provide that organizations or associations, which would otherwise qualify under the provisions of this paragraph, serve boys and girls up to the age of twenty-one years, then such

organizations or associations shall be deemed qualified pursuant to this section. The rental of property otherwise exempt under this paragraph to another nonprofit organization or association engaged in character building of boys and girls under eighteen years of age or to a nonprofit church organization, a nonsectarian organization or association, or school or college exempt under this chapter, or to a public school for the use by the lessee for the purposes set forth in this paragraph shall not nullify the exemption provided for in this paragraph if the rental income is devoted solely to the operation and maintenance of the property;

Property owned by all organizations and societies of veterans of any war of the United States, recognized as such by the department of defense, which shall have national charters, and which shall have for their general purposes and objects the preservation of the memories and associations incident to their war service and the consecration of the efforts of their members to mutual helpfulness and to patriotic and community service to state and nation. To be exempt such property must be primarily used in such manner as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes and objects of such societies;

Property owned by all corporations, incorporated under any act of congress, whose principal purposes are to furnish volunteer aid to members of the armed forces of the United States and also to carry on a system of national and international relief and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other national calamities and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is effective for property taxes levied in calendar year 1983 and due and payable in calendar year 1984 and thereafter.

Passed the Senate April 28, 1983.

Passed the House May 5, 1983.

Approved by the Governor May 13, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 26

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 740]

### COST CONTROL TASK FORCE

AN ACT Relating to state government; creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. To improve the operational effectiveness of government and to minimize the undesirable alternatives of reducing necessary government services or unnecessarily increasing taxes, the legislature shall establish a cost control task force.