

It shall be no defense to a prosecution for a violation of this section that the person acted, or was believed by the defendant to act, as agent or representative of another.

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## CHAPTER 205

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5265]

### BEER RETAILER LICENSEES—PURCHASE RESTRICTIONS MODIFIED

AN ACT Relating to the purchase of beer by retail beer licensees; and amending RCW 66.28.070.

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

Sec. 1. Section 23-H added to chapter 62, Laws of 1933 ex sess. by section 1, chapter 217, Laws of 1937 and RCW 66.28.070 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any retail beer licensee to purchase beer, except from a duly licensed beer wholesaler, and it shall be unlawful for any brewer or beer wholesaler to purchase beer, except from a duly licensed beer wholesaler or beer importer.

(2) A beer retailer licensee may purchase beer from a government agency which has lawfully seized beer from a licensed beer retailer, or from a board-authorized retailer, or from a licensed retailer which has discontinued business if the wholesaler has refused to accept beer from that retailer for return and refund. Beer purchased under this subsection shall meet the quality standards set by its manufacturer.

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## CHAPTER 206

[Substitute House Bill No. 153]

### ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS— REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

AN ACT Relating to reporting abuse or neglect of developmentally disabled persons; and amending RCW 26.44.010, 26.44.020, 26.44.030, 26.44.040, 26.44.050, 26.44.070, and 26.44.053.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 97, Laws of 1984 and RCW 26.44.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The Washington state legislature finds and declares: The bond between a child and his or her parent, custodian, or guardian is of paramount importance, and any intervention into the life of a child is also an intervention into the life of the parent, custodian, or guardian; however, instances of nonaccidental injury, neglect, death, sexual abuse and cruelty to children by their parents, custodians or guardians have occurred, and in the instance where a child is deprived of his or her right to conditions of minimal nurture, health, and safety, the state is justified in emergency intervention based upon verified information; and therefore the Washington state legislature hereby provides for the reporting of such cases to the appropriate public authorities. It is the intent of the legislature that, as a result of such reports, protective services shall be made available in an effort to prevent further abuses, and to safeguard the general welfare of such children: PROVIDED, That such reports shall be maintained and disseminated with strictest regard for the privacy of the subjects of such reports and so as to safeguard against arbitrary, malicious or erroneous information or actions: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this chapter shall not be construed to authorize interference with child-raising practices, including reasonable parental discipline, which are not proved to be injurious to the child's health, welfare and safety.

Adult dependent or developmentally disabled persons not able to provide for their own protection through the criminal justice system shall also be afforded the protection offered children through the reporting and investigation requirements mandated in this chapter.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 97, Laws of 1984 and RCW 26.44.020 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of and as used in this chapter:

(1) "Court" means the superior court of the state of Washington, juvenile department.

(2) "Law enforcement agency" means the police department, the prosecuting attorney, the state patrol, the director of public safety, or the office of the sheriff.

(3) "Practitioner of the healing arts" or "practitioner" means a person licensed by this state to practice podiatry, optometry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, osteopathy and surgery, or medicine and surgery. The term "practitioner" shall include a duly accredited Christian Science practitioner: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That a person who is being furnished Christian Science treatment by a duly accredited Christian Science practitioner shall not be considered, for that reason alone, a neglected person for the purposes of this chapter.

(4) "Institution" means a private or public hospital or any other facility providing medical diagnosis, treatment or care.

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

(6) "Child" or "children" means any person under the age of eighteen years of age.

(7) "Professional school personnel" shall include, but not be limited to, teachers, counselors, administrators, child care facility personnel, and school nurses.

(8) "Social worker" shall mean anyone engaged in a professional capacity during the regular course of employment in encouraging or promoting the health, welfare, support or education of children, or providing social services to adults or families, whether in an individual capacity, or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(9) "Psychologist" shall mean any person licensed to practice psychology under chapter 18.83 RCW, whether acting in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(10) "Pharmacist" shall mean any registered pharmacist under the provisions of chapter 18.64 RCW, whether acting in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(11) "Clergy" shall mean any regularly licensed or ordained minister, priest or rabbi of any church or religious denomination, whether acting in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.

(12) "Child abuse or neglect" shall mean the injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by any person under circumstances which indicate that the child's health, welfare, and safety is harmed thereby. An abused child is a child who has been subjected to child abuse or neglect as defined herein: PROVIDED, That this subsection shall not be construed to authorize interference with child-raising practices, including reasonable parental discipline, which are not proved to be injurious to the child's health, welfare, and safety.

(13) "Child protective services section" shall mean the child protective services section of the department.

(14) "Adult dependent persons not able to provide for their own protection through the criminal justice system" shall be defined as those persons over the age of eighteen years who have been found legally incompetent pursuant to chapter 11.88 RCW or found disabled to such a degree pursuant to said chapter, that such protection is indicated: PROVIDED, That no persons reporting injury, abuse, or neglect to an adult dependent person as defined herein shall suffer negative consequences if such a judicial determination of incompetency or disability has not taken place and

the person reporting believes in good faith that the adult dependent person has been found legally incompetent pursuant to chapter 11.88 RCW.

(15) "Sexual exploitation" includes: (a) Allowing, permitting, or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution by any person; or (b) allowing, permitting, encouraging, or engaging in the obscene or pornographic photographing, filming, or depicting of a child for commercial purposes as those acts are defined by state law by any person.

(16) "Negligent treatment or maltreatment" means an act or omission which evidences a serious disregard of consequences of such magnitude as to constitute a clear and present danger to the child's health, welfare, and safety.

(17) "Developmentally disabled person" means a person who has a disability defined in RCW 71.20.016.

Sec. 3. Section 3, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 145, Laws of 1986 and RCW 26.44.030 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) When any practitioner, professional school personnel, registered or licensed nurse, social worker, psychologist, pharmacist, or employee of the department has reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person has suffered abuse or neglect, he or she shall report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the proper law enforcement agency or to the department as provided in RCW 26.44.040. The report shall be made at the first opportunity, but in no case longer than forty-eight hours after there is reasonable cause to believe that the child or adult has suffered abuse or neglect.

(2) Any other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person has suffered abuse or neglect may report such incident to the proper law enforcement agency or to the department of social and health services as provided in RCW 26.44.040.

(3) The department, upon receiving a report of an incident of abuse or neglect pursuant to this chapter, involving a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person who has died or has had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him or her other than by accidental means or who has been subjected to sexual abuse, shall report such incident in writing to the proper law enforcement agency.

(4) Any law enforcement agency receiving a report of an incident of abuse or neglect pursuant to this chapter, involving a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person who has died or has had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him or her other than by accidental means, or who has been subjected to sexual abuse, shall report such incident in writing as provided in RCW 26.44.040 to the proper county prosecutor or city attorney for appropriate action whenever the law enforcement agency's

investigation reveals that a crime may have been committed. The law enforcement agency shall also notify the department of all reports received and the law enforcement agency's disposition of them.

(5) Any county prosecutor or city attorney receiving a report under subsection (4) of this section shall notify the victim, any persons the victim requests, and the local office of the department, of the decision to charge or decline to charge a crime, within five days of making the decision.

(6) The department may conduct ongoing case planning and consultation with those persons or agencies required to report under this section and with designated representatives of Washington Indian tribes if the client information exchanged is pertinent to cases currently receiving child protective services or department case services for the developmentally disabled. Upon request, the department shall conduct such planning and consultation with those persons required to report under this section if the department determines it is in the best interests of the child or developmentally disabled person. Information considered privileged by statute and not directly related to reports required by this section shall not be divulged without a valid written waiver of the privilege.

(7) Persons or agencies exchanging information under subsection (6) of this section shall not further disseminate or release the information except as authorized by state or federal statute. Violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. Section 4, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 4, chapter 97, Laws of 1984 and RCW 26.44.040 are each amended to read as follows:

An immediate oral report shall be made by telephone or otherwise to the proper law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services and, upon request, shall be followed by a report in writing. Such reports shall contain the following information, if known:

(1) The name, address, and age of the child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person;

(2) The name and address of the child's parents, stepparents, guardians, or other persons having custody of the child or the residence of the adult dependent or developmentally disabled person;

(3) The nature and extent of the injury or injuries;

(4) The nature and extent of the neglect;

(5) The nature and extent of the sexual abuse;

(6) Any evidence of previous injuries, including their nature and extent; and

(7) Any other information which may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person's death, injury, or injuries and the identity of the perpetrator or perpetrators.

Sec. 5. Section 5, chapter 13, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 5, chapter 97, Laws of 1984 and RCW 26.44.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the receipt of a report concerning the possible occurrence of abuse or neglect, it shall be the duty of the law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services to investigate and provide the protective services section with a report in accordance with the provision of chapter 74.13 RCW, and where necessary to refer such report to the court.

A law enforcement officer may take, or cause to be taken, a child into custody without a court order if there is probable cause to believe that the child is abused or neglected and that the child would be injured or could not be taken into custody if it were necessary to first obtain a court order pursuant to RCW 13.34.050. Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 13.04-.130 as now or hereafter amended, the law enforcement agency or the department of social and health services investigating such a report is hereby authorized to photograph such a child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person for the purpose of providing documentary evidence of the physical condition of the child, adult dependent or developmentally disabled person.

Sec. 6. Section 6, chapter 35, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 3, chapter 269, Laws of 1986 and RCW 26.44.070 are each amended to read as follows:

The department shall maintain a central registry of reported cases of child abuse or abuse of an adult dependent or developmentally disabled person and shall adopt such rules and regulations as necessary in carrying out the provisions of this section. Records in the central registry shall be considered confidential and privileged and will not be available except upon court order to any person or agency except (1) law enforcement agencies as defined in this chapter in the course of an investigation of alleged abuse or neglect; (2) protective services workers or juvenile court personnel who are investigating reported incidents of abuse or neglect; (3) department of social and health services personnel who are investigating the character and/or suitability of an agency and other persons who are applicants for licensure, registration, or certification, or applicants for employment with such an agency or persons, or under contract to or employed by an agency or persons directly responsible for the care and treatment of children, expectant mothers, or adult dependent or developmentally disabled persons pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW; (4) department of social and health services personnel who are investigating the character, suitability, and competence of persons being considered for employment with the department in positions directly responsible for the supervision, care, or treatment of children or developmentally disabled persons pursuant to chapters 43.20A and 41.06 RCW; (5) department of social and health services personnel who are investigating the character or suitability of any persons with whom children

may be placed under the interstate compact on the placement of children, chapter 26.34 RCW; (6) physicians who are treating the child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person or family; (7) any child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person named in the registry who is alleged to be abused or neglected, or his or her guardian ad litem and/or attorney; (8) a parent, guardian, or other person legally responsible for the welfare and safety of the child or adult dependent or developmentally disabled person named in the registry; (9) any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose, as determined by the department, according to rules and regulations, provided that information identifying the persons of the registry shall remain privileged; and (10) any individual whose name appears on the registry shall have access to his or her own records. Those persons or agencies exempted by this section from the confidentiality of the records of the registry shall not further disseminate or release such information so provided to them and shall respect the confidentiality of such information, and any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Sec. 7. Section 8, chapter 217, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 26.44.053 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In any judicial proceeding in which it is alleged that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the child: PROVIDED, That the requirement of a guardian ad litem shall be deemed satisfied if the child is represented by counsel in the proceedings.

(2) At any time prior to or during a hearing in such a case, when the court finds upon clear, cogent and convincing evidence that an incident of child abuse or neglect has occurred, the court may, on its own motion, or the motion of the guardian ad litem, or other parties, order the examination by a physician, psychologist or psychiatrist, of any parent or child or other person having custody of the child at the time of the alleged child abuse or neglect, if the court finds such an examination is necessary to the proper determination of the case. The hearing may be continued pending the completion of such examination. The physician, psychologist or psychiatrist conducting such an examination may be required to testify in the dispositional hearing concerning the results of such examination and may be asked to give his or her opinion as to whether the protection of the child requires that he or she not be returned to the custody of his or her parents or other persons having custody of him or her at the time of the alleged child abuse or neglect. Persons so testifying shall be subject to cross-examination as are other witnesses. No testimony given at any such examination of the parent or any other person having custody of the child may be used against such person in any subsequent criminal proceedings against such person or custodian concerning the abuse or neglect of the child.

(3) A parent or other person having legal custody of a child alleged to be a child subjected to abuse or neglect shall be a party to any proceeding

that may as a practical matter impair or impede such person's interest in custody or control of his or her child.

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**CHAPTER 207**

[House Bill No. 200]

**PUBLIC UTILITY TAX ON SEWERAGE COLLECTION BUSINESSES CLARIFIED**

AN ACT Relating to sewerage collection under the public utility tax; and amending RCW 82.16.050.

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

Sec. 1. Section 82.16.050, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 9, Laws of 1982 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 82.16.050 are each amended to read as follows:

In computing tax there may be deducted from the gross income the following items:

(1) Amounts derived by municipally owned or operated public service businesses, directly from taxes levied for the support or maintenance thereof: PROVIDED, That this section shall not be construed to exempt service charges which are spread on the property tax rolls and collected as taxes;

(2) Amounts derived from the sale of commodities to persons in the same public service business as the seller, for resale as such within this state. This deduction is allowed only with respect to water distribution, gas distribution or other public service businesses which furnish water, gas or any other commodity, other than electrical energy, in the performance of public service businesses;

(3) Amounts actually paid by a taxpayer to another person taxable under this chapter as the latter's portion of the consideration due for services furnished jointly by both, if the total amount has been credited to and appears in the gross income reported for tax by the former;

(4) The amount of cash discount actually taken by the purchaser or customer;

(5) The amount of credit losses actually sustained by taxpayers whose regular books of accounts are kept upon an accrual basis;

(6) Amounts derived from business which the state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution of this state or the Constitution or laws of the United States;

(7) Amounts derived from the distribution of water through an irrigation system, for irrigation purposes;