the council for a specified period of time, not to exceed six months, to act as the mayor in the absence of the mayor. The mayor ((and in his absence a mayor pro tempore to be chosen by the council)) shall sign all warrants drawn on the treasurer and shall sign all written contracts entered into by the town. The mayor ((and mayor pro tempore)) may administer oaths and affirmations, and take affidavits and certify them. The mayor ((or mayor pro tempore)) shall sign all conveyances made by the town and all instruments which require the seal of the town.

((The authority of the mayor pro tempore shall continue only during the day on which he is chosen.))

The mayor is authorized to acknowledge the execution of all instruments executed by the town which require acknowledgment.

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Passed the Senate March 5, 1988.

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CHAPTER 197

[Senate Bill No. 6260]
POISONS—PROCEDURE FOR DELIVERY TO PURCHASER OUTSIDE OF
SELLER'S PREMISES

AN ACT Relating to registration of poisons; and amending RCW 69.38.030.

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

Sec. 1. Section 3, chapter 34, Laws of 1987 and RCW 69.38.030 are each amended to read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person, either on the person's own behalf or while an employee of another, to sell any poison without first recording in ink in a "poison register" kept solely for this purpose the following information:

- (1) The date and hour of the sale;
- (2) The full name and home address of the purchaser:
- (3) The kind and quantity of poison sold; and
- (4) The purpose for which the poison is being purchased.

The purchaser shall present to the seller identification which contains the purchaser's photograph and signature. No sale may be made unless the seller is satisfied that the purchaser's representations are true and that the poison will be used for a lawful purpose. Both the purchaser and the seller shall sign the poison register entry.

If a delivery of a poison will be made outside the confines of the seller's premises, the seller may require the business purchasing the poison to submit a letter of authorization as a substitute for the purchaser's photograph and signature requirements. The letter of authorization shall include the unified business identifier and address of the business, a full description of

how the substance will be used, and the signature of the purchaser. Either the seller or the employee of the seller delivering or transferring the poison shall affix his or her signature to the letter as a witness to the signature and identification of the purchaser. The transaction shall be recorded in the poison register as provided in this section. Letters of authorization shall be kept with the poison register and shall be subject to the inspection and preservation requirements contained in RCW 69.38.040.

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CHAPTER 198

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6530] EXPLOSIVES

AN ACT Relating to procedures for explosives licensing; amending RCW 70.74.030, 70.74.061, 70.74.110, 70.74.120, 70.74.130, 70.74.135, 70.74.137, 70.74.140, and 70.74.142; adding new sections to chapter 70.74 RCW; and repealing RCW 70.74.220 and 70.74.290.

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

Sec. 1. Section 5, chapter 111, Laws of 1931 as last amended by section 7, chapter 88, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 70.74.030 are each amended to read as follows:

All explosive manufacturing buildings and magazines in which explosives or blasting agents except small arms ammunition and smokeless powder are had, kept, or stored, must be located at distances from inhabited buildings, railroads, highways, and public utility transmission systems in conformity with the ((following quantity and distance tables, and these tables shall be the basis on which applications for license for storage shall be made and license for storage issued, as provided in RCW 70.74.110 and 70.74.120. All-distances prescribed in the following quantity and distance tables are unbarricaded, and, if there is an efficient artificial barricade or a natural barricade between the explosives manufacturing building or magazine and another explosives manufacturing building or magazine, building, railroad, highway, or public utility transmission system, the distance prescribed in the following quantity and distance tables may be reduced by one-half: Blasting and electric blasting caps in strength through No. 8 must be rated as one and one-half pounds of explosives per one thousand caps; Blasting and electric blasting caps of strength higher than No. 8 must be computed on the combined weight of explosives.

The quantity and distance table governing the manufacture, keeping and storage of explosives to be as follows: