

Population determinations made under this section shall include only those persons who meet resident population criteria as defined by the federal bureau of the census.

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CHAPTER 261

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 46]

MARINE PATROL EXCISE TAX—INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

AN ACT Relating to the marine patrol excise tax; and amending RCW 82.49.070.

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

Sec. 1. Section 49, chapter 3, Laws of 1983 2nd ex. sess. as last amended by section 155, chapter 7, Laws of 1985 and RCW 82.49.070 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Any county may impose a tax, by ordinance or resolution, upon the privilege of using a vessel taxable under RCW 82.49.010 which is moored or stored in the county, if the population of the unincorporated area of the county together with the population of the cities and towns which are parties to an interlocal agreement under chapter 39.34 RCW equal or exceed two-thirds of the total population of the county(~~(: PROVIDED, That such agreement shall take into consideration any marine patrols provided as of June 30, 1983, and may)).~~ The county shall provide compensation for those ((municipal corporations)) cities and towns in the county which are parties to the agreement and which provide marine patrol and/or boating safety services, including fire suppression and rescue services only as related to boating safety. All cities and towns providing marine patrol services shall be included within the interlocal agreement. The compensation so provided for such cities and towns shall be determined annually by April 1 of each year through the interlocal agreement required under this subsection. If no agreement is reached by April 1 of any year between the county and such cities and towns within the county, the county and each city or town providing marine patrol services within the county shall be considered to have entered into an agreement to submit the issue to arbitration pursuant to chapter 7.04 RCW, and the cities and towns and the county shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same duties as other parties who have agreed to submit to arbitration pursuant to chapter 7.04 RCW. The annual amount of the tax shall be up to fifty cents per foot of the vessel per calendar year, or part thereof.

(2) The excise tax upon a vessel registered for the first time in this state shall be imposed for a twelve-month period, including the month in

which the vessel is registered, unless the director of licensing extends or diminishes vessel registration periods for the purpose of staggered renewal periods under RCW 88.02.050. A vessel is registered for the first time in this state when the vessel was not registered in this state for the immediately preceding registration year, or when the vessel was registered in another jurisdiction for the immediately preceding year.

(3) The moneys collected under this section shall be distributed by the county monthly to the parties to the interlocal agreement, and other municipal corporations entitled to compensation, according to the terms of the agreement. Moneys collected under this section shall be used only for administration and enforcement of boating safety, search and rescue operations concerning boating, and boating patrols.

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CHAPTER 262

[House Bill No. 1951]

HOSPITAL RATE REVIEW AND APPROVAL—EXEMPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to exemption from hospital rate review and approval; and adding a new section to chapter 70.39 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 70.39 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The commission shall exempt a hospital from the rate review and approval provisions of RCW 70.39.140 if:

(a) The hospital is located within fifteen miles of one or more hospitals located in a jurisdiction that is not subject to RCW 70.39.140; and

(b) The hospital or hospitals not subject to RCW 70.39.140 have the existing capacity to absorb twenty-five percent or more of the patients served by the hospital exempted under this section.

(2) The exemption provided by this section shall not affect the exempted hospital's responsibility to make on a timely basis all filings required by the commission pursuant to this chapter. In addition, an exempted hospital shall provide on a timely basis other pertinent data that may be requested from time to time by the commission.

(3) This section shall expire June 30, 1991.

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