

other contract documents required to advertise the project for competitive bids for its construction.

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CHAPTER 215

[Senate Bill No. 2479]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—EARNED INCOME EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to general assistance; and adding a new section to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.04 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In determining need for general assistance for unemployable persons as defined in RCW 74.04.005(6)(a), the department may by rule and regulation establish a monthly earned income exemption in an amount not to exceed the exemption allowable under disability programs authorized in Title XVI of the federal social security act.

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CHAPTER 216

[Senate Bill No. 2486]

CLOSING HIGHWAYS AND RESTRICTING TRAFFIC

AN ACT Relating to public highways; amending section 47.48.010, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 9, chapter 108, Laws of 1967 and RCW 47.48.010; amending section 47.48-.020, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.48.020; and amending section 47.48.040, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.48.040.

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

Section 1. Section 47.48.010, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 9, chapter 108, Laws of 1967 and RCW 47.48.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the condition of any state highway, county road, or city street, either newly or previously constructed, altered, repaired or improved, or any part thereof is such that for any reason its unrestricted use or continued use by vehicles or by any class of vehicles will greatly damage such state highway, county road, or city street or will be dangerous to traffic thereon or the same is being constructed, altered, repaired, improved, or maintained in such a manner as to require that use of such state highway, county road, or city street or any portion thereof be closed ((to

~~travel by~~) or restricted as to all vehicles or ((by)) any class of vehicles for any period of time, the ((highway commission)) director of highways if it be a state highway, the county commissioners if it be a county road, or the governing body of any city or town if it be a city street, is authorized to close such state highway, county road, or city street, as the case may be, to travel by all vehicles or by any class of vehicles, or may declare a lower maximum speed thereon for any class of vehicles, for such a definite period as they shall determine: PROVIDED, That nothing in the law of this state shall prevent the ((highway commission)) director of highways, county commissioners, or governing body of any city or town from classifying vehicles according to gross weight, axle weight, height, width, length, braking area, performance, vehicle combinations, or tire equipment for the purposes of this section, or from restricting the use of any portion of any ((public highway within the jurisdiction and control of any such commission or governing body)) state highway, county road, or city street, as the case may be, to its use by an urban public transportation system.

Sec. 2. Section 47.48.020, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.48.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Before any state highway, county road, or city street is closed to, or the maximum speed limit thereon reduced for, all vehicles or any class of vehicles, a notice ~~((of the date on and after which the state highway, county road or city street or any part thereof shall be closed and the definite period of such closing and whether it shall be closed to all vehicles or to vehicles of a particular class or classes))~~ thereof including the effective date shall be published in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the county or city or town in which such state highway, county road or city street or any portion thereof to be closed is located; and a like notice shall be posted on or prior to the date of publication of such notice in a conspicuous place at each end of the state highway, county road, or city street or portion thereof to be closed or restricted: PROVIDED, That no such state highway, county road, or city street or portion thereof shall be closed sooner than three days after the publication and the posting of the notice herein provided for: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in cases of emergency the proper officers may, without publication or delay, close state highways, county roads, and city streets temporarily by posting notices at each end of the closed portion thereof and at all intersecting state highways if the closing be of a portion of a state highway, at all intersecting state highways and county roads if the closing be a portion of a county road, and at all intersecting city streets if the closing be of a city street. In all emergency cases, as herein provided, the orders of the proper authorities shall be immediately effective.

Sec. 3. Section 47.48.040, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.48.040 are each amended to read as follows:

When any state highway, county road, or city street or portion thereof shall have been closed, or when the maximum speed limit thereon shall have been reduced, for all vehicles or any class of vehicles, as by law provided, any person, firm or corporation disregarding such closing ~~((and using such state highway, county road or city street or portion thereof with any vehicle or any class of vehicle, as the case may be, to which said state highway, county road or city street or portion thereof is closed by any notice or emergency notice;))~~ or reduced speed limit shall

be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall in addition to any penalty for violation of the provisions of this section, be liable in any civil action instituted in the name of the state of Washington or the county or city or town having jurisdiction for any damages occasioned to such state highway, county road, or city street, as the case may be, as the result of disregarding such closing ~~((and using such state highway, county road, or city street, or portion thereof with any vehicle or any class of vehicle to which the same is closed))~~ or reduced speed limit.

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CHAPTER 217

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2510]

TRANSPORTATION CENTERS

AN ACT Relating to transportation; and adding a new chapter to Title 81 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. It is desirable to a transportation system that convenient and comfortable terminals be established and maintained with the services of all modes of public transportation available to the public at such a center to the extent feasible. It is proper that cities, towns, counties, public transportation benefit area authorities, and municipal corporations of this state be authorized to own and operate transportation centers.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Through its council or other legislative body, any city, town, county, public transportation benefit area authority, or other municipal corporation, authorized to operate public transportation services, may construct or otherwise acquire intermodal transportation centers by donation, lease, or purchase and may operate or let for purposes of leasing space at fair market value for the services set forth in section 3 of this act, and to perform other functions permitted by law, the centers or portions of the centers, for public or private purposes or for compensation or rental upon such conditions as its council or other legislative body shall from time to time prescribe. The city, town, county, public transportation benefit area authority, or municipal corporation, may apply for and receive grants from the federal government for purposes of funding a transportation center and may consolidate a transportation center with other lawful city or town activities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. To the extent feasible, the services available to the public at any transportation center may include taxi, auto rental, passenger trains, motor buses, travel agents, restrooms, food, telegraph, baggage handling, transfer and delivery of light freight and packages, commercial airlines, air charter, place of temporary rest for citizens and travelers (but not overnight), mail, private auto parking for users of public transportation through the transportation center, local transit, limousine, and any other use necessary to the foregoing.

Any city, town, county, public transportation benefit area authority, or municipal corporation, which elects to operate a transportation center shall operate the center for the general public good. The operator may establish the terms of usage