

those for which the state director of aeronautics is directly responsible) requested by political subdivisions in support of search and rescue operations, and who shall on request maintain liaison with and coordinate the resources, services, and facilities of political subdivisions when more than one political subdivision is engaged in joint search and rescue operations.

(7) The director, subject to the direction and control of the governor, shall prepare and administer a state program for emergency assistance to individuals within the state who are victims of a disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or by fire, flood, storms, earthquake, or other natural causes. Such program may be integrated into and coordinated with disaster assistance plans and programs of the federal government which provide to the state, or through the state to any political subdivision thereof, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant, or loan for purposes of assistance to individuals affected by a disaster. Further, such program may include, but shall not be limited to, grants, loans, or gifts of services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, to individuals who, as a result of a disaster, are in need of assistance and who meet standards of eligibility for disaster assistance established by the department of social and health services: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That nothing herein shall be construed in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of Article VIII, section 5 or section 7 of the Washington state Constitution.

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## CHAPTER 114

[House Bill No. 15]

### HEALING ARTS—SPECIAL IMMUNITIES

AN ACT Relating to special immunities; amending section 1, chapter 157, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 4.24.240; amending section 1, chapter 144, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 4.24.250; and amending section 2, chapter 144, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 4.24.260.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 157, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 4.24.240 are each amended to read as follows:

Physicians licensed under chapters 18.71 or 18.57 RCW (~~and~~), dentists licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, and pharmacists licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW who are members of review committees for medical (~~or~~), dental, or pharmaceutical societies, and licensed hospitals, or committees whose duties require evaluation of credentials and qualifications of physicians (~~and~~), dentists, or pharmacists shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of the performance of their duties on such committees, where such actions are being brought by or on behalf of the person who is being evaluated.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 144, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 4.24.250 are each amended to read as follows:

Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW or chapter 18.57 RCW, ~~(and)~~ dentists licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, and pharmacists licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW who, in good faith, file charges or present evidence against another member of their profession based on the claimed incompetency or gross misconduct of such person before a regularly constituted review committee or board of a medical ~~((or))~~, dental, or pharmaceutical society or hospital whose duty it is to evaluate the competency and qualifications of members of the profession, including limiting the extent of practice of such person in a hospital or similar institution, shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of such activities. The written records of such committees or boards shall not be subject to subpoena or discovery proceedings in any civil action, except actions arising out of the recommendations of such committees.

Sec. 3. Section 2, chapter 144, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 4.24.260 are each amended to read as follows:

Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW dentists licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW and pharmacists licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW who, in good faith, file charges or present evidence against another member of their profession based on the claimed incompetency or gross misconduct of such person before the medical disciplinary board established under chapter 18.72 RCW, in a proceeding under chapter 18.32 RCW or to the board of pharmacy under RCW 18.64.160 shall be immune from civil action for damages arising out of such activities.

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## CHAPTER 115

[House Bill No. 42]

### INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT—"PUBLIC AGENCY" DEFINED

AN ACT Relating to the interlocal cooperation act; and amending section 3, chapter 239, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 1, chapter 34, Laws of 1973 and RCW 39.34.020.

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

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 239, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 1, chapter 34, Laws of 1973 and RCW 39.34.020 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, the term "public agency" shall mean any city, town, county, public utility district, irrigation district, port district, fire protection district, school district, air pollution control authority, rural county library districts, intercounty rural library districts, public hospital districts, regional planning agency created by any combination of county and city governments, health department or district, weed control district, county transit authority, Indian tribe recognized as such by the federal government, or metropolitan municipal corporation of this state; any agency of the state government or of the United States; and any political subdivision of another state.