

"Director" means the director of licensing of the state.

*Sec. 25 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act shall take effect on March 1, 1990.

Passed the House March 6, 1989.

Passed the Senate April 13, 1989.

Approved by the Governor May 12, 1989, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 12, 1989.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 25, Substitute House Bill No. 1630, entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to clarifying the property classification of manufactured homes."

Section 25 of Substitute House Bill No. 1630 amends the definition of "mobile home" contained in RCW 82.50.010. Section 20 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5443 amends the same statute. The definition contained in section 20 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5443 is more comprehensive than that contained in section 25 of Substitute House Bill No. 1630. To avoid confusion, I have vetoed section 25 of this bill.

With the exception of section 25, Substitute House Bill No. 1630 is approved."

CHAPTER 344

[House Bill No. 2131]

MOBILE HOME ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS—PREREQUISITES

AN ACT Relating to mobile home electrical inspections; and amending RCW 19.28.210.

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

Sec. 1. Section 8, chapter 169, Laws of 1935 as last amended by section 7, chapter 81, Laws of 1988 and RCW 19.28.210 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The director shall cause an inspector to inspect all wiring, appliances, devices, and equipment to which this chapter applies. Nothing contained in this chapter may be construed as providing any authority for any subdivision of government to adopt by ordinance any provisions contained or provided for in this chapter except those pertaining to cities and towns pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(2).

(2) Upon request, electrical inspections will be made by the department within forty-eight hours, excluding holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If, upon written request, the electrical inspector fails to make an electrical inspection within twenty-four hours, the serving utility may immediately

connect electrical power to the installation if the necessary electrical work permit is displayed: PROVIDED, That if the request is for an electrical inspection that relates to a mobile home installation, the applicant shall provide proof of a current building permit issued by the local government agency authorized to issue such permits as a prerequisite for inspection approval or connection of electrical power to the mobile home.

(3) Whenever the installation of any wiring, device, appliance, or equipment is not in accordance with this chapter, or is in such a condition as to be dangerous to life or property, the person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity owning, using, or operating it shall be notified by the department and shall within fifteen days, or such further reasonable time as may upon request be granted, make such repairs and changes as are required to remove the danger to life or property and to make it conform to this chapter. The director, through the inspector, is hereby empowered to disconnect or order the discontinuance of electrical service to conductors or equipment that are found to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition and not in accordance with this chapter. Upon making a disconnection the inspector shall attach a notice stating that the conductors have been found dangerous to life or property and are not in accordance with this chapter. It is unlawful for any person to reconnect such defective conductors or equipment without the approval of the department, and until the conductors and equipment have been placed in a safe and secure condition, and in a condition that complies with this chapter.

(4) The director, through the electrical inspector, has the right during reasonable hours to enter into and upon any building or premises in the discharge of his or her official duties for the purpose of making any inspection or test of the installation of new construction or altered electrical wiring, electrical devices, equipment, or material contained in or on the buildings or premises. No electrical wiring or equipment subject to this chapter may be concealed until it has been approved by the inspector making the inspection.

(5) Persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, or other entities making electrical installations shall obtain inspection and approval from an authorized representative of the department as required by this chapter before requesting the electric utility to connect to the installations. Electric utilities may connect to the installations if approval is clearly indicated by certification of the electrical work permit required to be affixed to each installation or by equivalent means, except that increased or relocated services may be reconnected immediately at the discretion of the utility before approval if an electrical work permit is displayed. The permits shall be furnished upon payment of the fee to the department.

(6) The director, subject to the recommendations and approval of the board, shall set by rule a schedule of license and electrical work permit fees that will cover the costs of administration and enforcement of this chapter.

The rules shall be adopted in accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter ((~~34.04~~) 34.05 RCW. No fee may be charged for plug-in mobile homes, recreational vehicles, or portable appliances.

Passed the House April 21, 1989.

Passed the Senate April 21, 1989.

Approved by the Governor May 12, 1989.

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CHAPTER 345

[House Bill No. 1085]

NEURODEVELOPMENTAL THERAPIES—COVERAGE IN EMPLOYER- SPONSORED GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

AN ACT Relating to coverage of health benefits for neurodevelopmental therapies in employer-sponsored group contracts; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Each employer-sponsored group contract for comprehensive health care service which is entered into, or renewed, on or after twelve months after the effective date of this act shall include coverage for neurodevelopmental therapies for covered individuals age six and under.

(2) Benefits provided under this section shall cover the services of those authorized to deliver occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy. Benefits shall be payable only where the services have been delivered pursuant to the referral and periodic review of a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW or where covered services have been rendered by such licensee. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a health care service contractor from requiring that covered services be delivered by a provider who participates by contract with the health care service contractor unless no participating provider is available to deliver covered services. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a health care service contractor from negotiating rates with qualified providers.

(3) Benefits provided under this section shall be for medically necessary services as determined by the health care service contractor. Benefits shall be payable for services for the maintenance of a covered individual in cases where significant deterioration in the patient's condition would result without the service. Benefits shall be payable to restore and improve function.

(4) It is the intent of this section that employers purchasing comprehensive group coverage including the benefits required by this section, together with the health care service contractor, retain authority to design and