

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this 1979 amendatory 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. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 73

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2406]

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER ACT

AN ACT Relating to displaced homemakers; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. This chapter may be known and cited as the "displaced homemaker act."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The legislature finds that homemakers are an unrecognized part of the work force who make an invaluable contribution to the strength, durability, and purpose of our state.

The legislature further finds that there is an increasing number of persons in this state who, having fulfilled a role as homemaker, find themselves "displaced" in their middle years through divorce, death of spouse, disability of spouse, or other loss of family income. As a consequence, displaced homemakers are very often left with little or no income; they are ineligible for categorical welfare assistance; they are subject to the highest rate of unemployment of any sector of the work force; they face continuing discrimination in employment because of their age and lack of recent paid work experience; they are ineligible for unemployment insurance because they have been engaged in unpaid labor in the home; they are ineligible for social security benefits because they are too young, and many never qualify because they have been divorced from the family wage earner; they may have lost beneficiaries' rights under employer's pension and health plans through divorce or death of spouse; and they are often unacceptable to private health insurance plans because of their age.

It is the purpose of this chapter to establish a two-year pilot project under which the council for postsecondary education shall contract to establish multipurpose service centers and programs to provide necessary training opportunities, counseling, and services for displaced homemakers so

that they may enjoy the independence and economic security vital to a productive life.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

- (1) "Council" means the council for postsecondary education.
- (2) "Center" means a multipurpose service center for displaced homemakers as described in section 4 of this act.
- (3) "Program" means those programs described in section 5 of this act which provide direct, outreach, and information and training services which serve the needs of displaced homemakers.
- (4) "Displaced homemaker" means an individual who:
 - (a) Has worked in the home for ten or more years providing unsalaried household services for family members on a full-time basis; and
 - (b) Is not gainfully employed;
 - (c) Needs assistance in securing employment; and
 - (d) Has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income, or has been dependent on federal assistance but is no longer eligible for that assistance, or is supported as the parent of minor children by public assistance or spousal support but whose children are within two years of reaching their majority.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The council, in consultation with state and local governmental agencies, community groups, and local and national organizations concerned with displaced homemakers, shall receive applications and may contract with public or private nonprofit organizations to establish multipurpose service centers for displaced homemakers. In determining sites and administering agencies or organizations for the centers, the council shall consider the experience and capabilities of the public or private nonprofit organizations making application to provide services to a center.

(2) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this act, the council shall issue rules prescribing the standards to be met by each center in accordance with the policies set forth in this chapter. Continuing funds for the maintenance of each center shall be contingent upon the determination by the council that the center is in compliance with the contractual conditions and with the rules prescribed by the council.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. (1) Each center contracted for under this chapter shall include or provide information and referral to the following services:

- (a) Job counseling services which shall:
 - (i) Be specifically designed for displaced homemakers;
 - (ii) Counsel displaced homemakers with respect to appropriate job opportunities; and
 - (iii) Take into account and build upon the skills and experience of a homemaker and emphasize job readiness as well as skill development;

- (b) Job training and job placement services which shall:
 - (i) Emphasize short-term training programs and programs which expand upon homemaking skills and volunteer experience and which lead to gainful employment;
 - (ii) Develop, through cooperation with state and local government agencies and private employers, model training and placement programs for jobs in the public and private sectors;
 - (iii) Assist displaced homemakers in gaining admission to existing public and private job training programs and opportunities, including vocational education and apprenticeship training programs; and
 - (iv) Assist in identifying community needs and creating new jobs in the public and private sectors;
 - (c) Health counseling services, including referral to existing health programs, with respect to:
 - (i) General principles of preventative health care;
 - (ii) Health care consumer education, particularly in the selection of physicians and health care services, including, but not limited to, health maintenance organizations and health insurance;
 - (iii) Family health care and nutrition;
 - (iv) Alcohol and drug abuse; and
 - (v) Other related health care matters;
 - (d) Financial management services which provide information and assistance with respect to insurance, taxes, estate and probate problems, mortgages, loans, and other related financial matters;
 - (e) Educational services, including:
 - (i) Outreach and information about courses offering credit through secondary or postsecondary education programs, and other re-entry programs, including bilingual programming where appropriate; and
 - (ii) Information about such other programs as are determined to be of interest and benefit to displaced homemakers by the council;
 - (f) Legal counseling and referral services; and
 - (g) Outreach and information services with respect to federal and state employment, education, health, public assistance, and unemployment assistance programs which the council determines would be of interest and benefit to displaced homemakers.
- (2) The staff positions of each multipurpose center contracted for in accordance with section 3 of this act, including supervisory, technical, and administrative positions, shall, to the maximum extent possible, be filled by displaced homemakers.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The council may contract, where appropriate, with public or private nonprofit groups or organizations serving the needs of displaced homemakers for programs designed to:

(1) Provide direct services to displaced homemakers, including job counseling, job training and placement, health counseling, financial management, educational counseling, legal counseling, and referral services as described in section 4 of this act;

(2) Provide outreach and information services for displaced homemakers; and

(3) Provide training opportunities for persons serving the needs of displaced homemakers.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The council shall submit to the legislature a final evaluation at the end of the two-year project. The evaluation may include recommendation for future programs as submitted by the centers established under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. (1) The council shall consult and cooperate with the department of social and health services; the state board for community college education; the superintendent of public instruction; the commission for vocational education; the employment security department; the department of labor and industries; sponsoring agencies under the federal comprehensive employment and training act (87 Stat. 839; 29 U.S.C. Sec. 801 et seq.), and any other persons or agencies as the council deems appropriate to facilitate the coordination of centers established under this chapter with existing programs of a similar nature.

(2) The council shall serve as a clearinghouse for displaced homemaker information and resources and shall compile and disseminate the information to the centers, related agencies, and interested persons.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. In the awarding of contracts under this chapter, consideration shall be given to need, geographic location, population ratios, and the extent of existing services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Thirty percent of the funding for the centers and programs under this chapter shall be provided by the organization administering the center or program. Contributions in-kind, whether materials and supplies, physical facilities, or personal services, may be considered as all or part of the funding provided by the organization.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The council may, in carrying out this chapter, accept, use, and dispose of contributions of money, services, and property: PROVIDED, That funds generated within individual centers may be retained and utilized by those centers. All moneys received by the council or any employee thereof pursuant to this section shall be deposited in a depository approved by the state treasurer. Disbursements of such funds shall be on authorization of the council or a duly authorized representative thereof. In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control such funds shall be subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation shall be required to permit expenditure of such funds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. No person in this state, on the ground of sex, age, race, color, religion, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap, shall be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. The program established by this chapter is a pilot project to last for the period of two years following the effective date of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Sections 1 through 13 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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CHAPTER 74

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3100]

PASSENGER WATERCRAFT FOR HIRE—INSPECTION PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to the regulation of vessels; adding new sections to chapter 88.04 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

- (1) Department means the department of labor and industries;
- (2) Director means the director of labor and industries; and
- (3) Vessel means any watercraft capable of carrying seven or more passengers for hire which does not carry a valid and current certificate of inspection from the United States coast guard and which operates upon any state waters over which the United States coast guard does not have jurisdiction for navigational safety.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. All vessels shall be inspected by the department in accordance with rules adopted under section 4 of this act. The owner or operator of every vessel shall pay the department a fee for each inspection as may be determined by the director under section 4 of this act. The fee shall cover the full cost of the inspection program including travel, per diem, and administrative and legal support costs for the program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) It is unlawful for any person to operate a vessel unless that person holds a valid license issued by the United States coast guard to operate a vessel of that class.