

CHAPTER 24.

[Senate Bill No. 113.]

ASSIGNMENT OF PATIENTS TO STATE HOSPITALS.

AN ACT relating to state hospitals; and amending section 71.02.450, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.450.

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

RCW 71.02.450 amended.

Section 1. Section 71.02.450, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.02.450 are each amended to read as follows:

State hospitals. Allocation of mentally ill patients.

Persons found to be mentally ill by the courts of the various counties and in need of hospitalization at a state hospital shall be hospitalized at such state hospitals as shall be certified to the superior courts by the director of institutions as available to receive mentally ill persons from such counties.

Passed the Senate February 22, 1967.

Passed the House March 3, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1967.

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CHAPTER 25.

[Senate Bill No. 249.]

MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle speed limits; amending section 2, chapter 16, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.61.405; and amending section 6, chapter 16, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.61.425.

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

RCW 46.61.405 amended.

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 16, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.61.405 are each amended to read as follows:

Motor vehicles.

Whenever the state highway commission shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any maximum speed hereinbefore

set forth is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or upon any other part of the state highway system or at state ferry terminals, said commission may determine and declare a lower reasonable and safe maximum limit thereat, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected. Such a maximum speed limit may be declared to be effective at all times or at such times as are indicated upon the said signs; and differing limits may be established for different times of day, different types of vehicles, varying weather conditions, and other factors bearing on safe speeds, which shall be effective when posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs.

Establishing  
maximum  
speed limits.

Sec. 2. Section 6, chapter 16, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.61.425 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.61.425  
amended.

(1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law: *Provided*, That a person following a vehicle driving at less than the legal maximum speed and desiring to pass such vehicle may exceed the speed limit, subject to the provisions of RCW 46.61.120, at only such a speed and for only such a distance as is necessary to complete the pass with a reasonable margin of safety.

Motor vehicles  
—Establishing  
minimum  
speed limits—  
Passing.

(2) Whenever the state highway commission or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on any part of a highway unreasonably impede the normal movement of traffic, the commission or such local authority may determine and declare a minimum speed limit thereat which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected. No person shall drive a vehicle slower than such minimum speed

limit except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1967.

Passed the House March 3, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1967.

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## CHAPTER 26.

[Senate Bill No. 166.]

### VITAL STATISTICS.

AN ACT relating to vital statistics; providing for the registration of marriages, and decrees of divorce, annulment and separate maintenance with the state registrar of vital statistics; amending section 43.20.070, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.20.070; amending section 43.20.080, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.20.080; amending section 43.20.090, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.20.090; amending section 7, page 405, Laws of 1854 as last amended by section 1, chapter 59, Laws of 1947, and RCW 26.04.090; amending section 8, page 82, Laws of 1866 as last amended by section 2, chapter 59, Laws of 1947 and RCW 26.04.100; amending section 9, page 83, Laws of 1866 as last amended by section 3, chapter 59, Laws of 1947 and RCW 26.04.110; amending section 4, chapter 204, Laws of 1939 and RCW 26.04.160; amending section 36.18.010, chapter 4, Laws of 1963, and RCW 36.18.010; amending section 36.18.020, chapter 4, Laws of 1963, and RCW 36.18.020; amending section 6, chapter 159, Laws of 1945 as amended by section 15, chapter 5, Laws of 1961 extraordinary session, and RCW 70.58.200; adding a new section to chapter 215, Laws of 1949 and to chapter 26.08 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an effective date.

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

RCW 43.20.070  
amended.

Section 1. Section 43.20.070, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.20.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Vital statistics,  
forms.

The director of health shall have charge of the state system of registration of births, deaths, fetal deaths, marriages, and decrees of divorce, annul-