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1 AN ACT Relating to welfare fraud; adding a new section to chapter
2 74.04 RCW; creating new sections; providing a contingent expiration
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A person convicted in a criminal proceeding of receipt of public
8 assistance shall result in the recipient being deemed ineligible to
9 receive public assistance for sixty months after the date of
10 conviction.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor and the department of social
12 and health services shall seek all necessary exemptions and waivers
13 from and amendments to federal statutes, rules, and regulations and
14 shall report to the appropriate committees in the house of
15 representatives and senate quarterly on the efforts to secure the
16 federal changes to permit full implementation of section 1 of this act
17 at the earliest possible date.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** In the event that the department of social
2 and health services is not able to obtain the necessary exemptions,
3 waivers, or amendments referred to in section 2 of this act before
4 January 1, 1998, this act shall expire on that date and shall have no
5 further force or effect.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any part of this act is found to be in
7 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
8 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
9 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
10 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
11 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
12 the agencies concerned. The rules under this act shall meet federal
13 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
14 funds by the state.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
18 effect immediately.

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