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1 AN ACT Relating to immunizations for infectious diseases; amending
2 RCW 46.20.117 and 46.20.181; adding new sections to chapter 43.20 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.47 RCW; adding a
5 new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
6 18.130 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.41 RCW; adding a new
7 section to chapter 70.175 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.51
8 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.46 RCW; adding new sections to
9 chapter 70.01 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** The legislature finds that there has been an
14 increase in the number of children and adults contracting infectious
15 diseases. The legislature further finds that this trend has occurred

1 despite the availability of safe and effective immunizations that can
2 prevent these life-threatening diseases. The legislature further finds
3 that parents and guardians of children as well as at risk adults are
4 often unaware of the need for immunizations, the appropriate age to
5 receive such immunizations, and the public health risks of the failure
6 to be properly immunized.

7 The legislature declares that it is in the public health interest
8 of the people of the state of Washington that all children should be
9 appropriately immunized. It further declares that at-risk adults
10 including those adults who work in health and long-term care settings
11 should also be appropriately immunized to stop the spread of infectious
12 disease in these settings.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT. Effective January 1, 1992, it shall be
16 the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian of every child in
17 the state to ensure that their child complies with the immunization
18 schedules developed by the state board under section 3 of this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES. (1) The state board shall adopt
22 a rule by October 1, 1991, that establishes a schedule of appropriate
23 immunizations against infectious diseases for children, at-risk adults,
24 health care professionals, and other adults working in health and long-
25 term care settings. The schedule shall include the type of
26 immunization recommended and the appropriate age for receiving
27 vaccines. The state board may modify by rule the recommended
28 immunization schedule from time to time. When implementing this

1 section the state board shall consider recommended immunization
2 schedules developed by such bodies as the federal center for disease
3 control. The state board shall exempt from the immunization
4 requirements in sections 9 through 13 of this act those personnel
5 employed by health care professionals who have no direct patient
6 contact.

7 (2) The state board shall make immunization schedules required by
8 this section available to the secretary of health, the secretary of
9 social and health services, the administrator of the basic health plan,
10 the administrator of the state health care authority, the director of
11 licensing, and the general public no later than November 1, 1991.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 STATE SERVICE RECIPIENTS--DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

15 (1) Effective January 1, 1992, the parent or legal guardian of a child
16 who is eligible to receive services from, through, or purchased by the
17 department shall be responsible for providing to the department within
18 ninety days of receiving such services:

19 (a) A certificate showing that the child has completed the state
20 board of health recommended infectious disease immunization schedule or
21 is making satisfactory progress in complying with the schedule;

22 (b) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
23 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
24 for the child. When it is determined by the physician that a
25 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the child will be required
26 to receive the immunization;

27 (c) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
28 the child stating that the signer has objections to the required
29 immunizations based upon religious beliefs; or

1 (d) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
2 the child stating that the signer has either a philosophical or
3 personal objection to immunizing the child.

4 (2) The secretary shall grant to parents or guardians of children
5 who are receiving department services on or before January 1, 1992,
6 ninety days to comply with the requirements of this section.

7 (3) The secretary shall decide the manner in which certificates and
8 waivers required by this section shall be prepared and made available.

9 (4) The secretary shall establish by rule a procedure to
10 periodically check whether children are making satisfactory progress in
11 complying with the appropriate immunization schedules. Such monitoring
12 shall, to the extent possible, be conducted during the course of
13 routine contact with the parent or guardian of the child.

14 (5) The secretary shall coordinate with the secretary of health,
15 the administrator of the basic health plan, and the administrator of
16 the state health care authority in the preparation of certificates and
17 waivers required for the administration of this section to assure
18 minimum paperwork and prevent duplicative compliance requirements for
19 children receiving state services or benefits from more than one state
20 agency.

21 (6) The secretary shall seek whatever federal waivers are necessary
22 to implement the provisions of this section.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 STATE SERVICE RECIPIENTS--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. (1) Effective
26 January 1, 1992, the parent or guardian of a child who is eligible to
27 receive services from, through, or purchased by the department shall be
28 responsible for providing to the department within ninety days of
29 receiving such services:

1 (a) A certificate showing that the child has completed the state
2 board of health recommended infectious disease immunization schedule or
3 is making satisfactory progress in complying with the schedule;

4 (b) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
5 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
6 for the child. When it is determined by the physician that a
7 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the child will be required
8 to receive the immunization;

9 (c) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
10 the child stating that the signer has objections to the required
11 immunizations based upon religious beliefs; or

12 (d) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
13 the child stating that the signer has either a philosophical or
14 personal objection to immunizing the child.

15 (2) The secretary shall grant to parents or guardians of children
16 who are receiving department services on or before January 1, 1992,
17 ninety days to comply with the requirements of this section.

18 (3) The secretary shall decide the manner in which certificates and
19 waivers required by this section shall be prepared and made available.

20 (4) The secretary shall establish by rule a procedure to
21 periodically check whether children are making satisfactory progress in
22 complying with the appropriate immunization schedules. Such monitoring
23 shall, to the extent possible, be conducted during the course of
24 routine contact with the parent or guardian of the child.

25 (5) The secretary shall coordinate with the secretary of social and
26 health services, the administrator of the basic health plan, and the
27 administrator of the state health care authority in the preparation of
28 certificates and waivers and required for the administration of this
29 section to assure minimum paperwork and duplicative compliance

1 requirements for children receiving state services or benefits from
2 more than one state agency.

3 (6) The secretary shall seek whatever federal waivers are necessary
4 to implement the provisions this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 STATE SUBSIDIZED HEALTH CARE INSURANCE RECIPIENTS--BASIC HEALTH
8 PLAN. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, the parent or guardian of a child
9 who is enrolled in the plan shall be responsible for providing to the
10 plan administrator within ninety days of enrollment:

11 (a) A certificate showing that the child has completed the state
12 board of health recommended infectious disease immunization schedule or
13 is making satisfactory progress in complying with the schedule;

14 (b) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
15 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
16 for the child. When it is determined by the physician that a
17 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the child will be required
18 to receive the immunization;

19 (c) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
20 the child stating that the signer has objections to the required
21 immunizations based upon religious beliefs; or

22 (d) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
23 the child stating that the signer has either a philosophical or
24 personal objection to immunizing the child.

25 (2) The administrator shall grant to parents and guardians of
26 children enrolled in the plan on or before January 1, 1992, ninety days
27 to comply with the requirements of this section.

1 (3) The administrator shall decide the manner in which certificates
2 and waivers required by this section shall be prepared and made
3 available.

4 (4) The administrator shall establish by rule a procedure to
5 periodically check whether children are making satisfactory progress in
6 complying with the appropriate immunization schedules. Such monitoring
7 shall, to the extent possible, be conducted when the parent or guardian
8 of the child has routine contact with the plan or health care
9 contractors authorized to provide services under the plan.

10 (5) The administrator shall coordinate with the administrator of
11 the state health care authority, and the secretaries of health and
12 social and health services to assure minimum paperwork and duplicative
13 compliance requirements for children receiving state services or
14 benefits from more than one state agency.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RECIPIENTS--STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY.

18 (1) Effective January 1, 1992, the parent or guardian of a child who is
19 enrolled as a dependent in the plan shall be responsible for providing
20 to the administrator within ninety days of enrollment:

21 (a) A certificate showing that the child has completed the state
22 board of health recommended infectious disease immunization schedule or
23 is making satisfactory progress in complying with the schedule;

24 (b) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
25 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
26 for the child. When it is determined by the physician that a
27 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the child will be required
28 to receive the immunization;

1 (c) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
2 the child stating that the signer has objections to the required
3 immunizations based upon religious beliefs; or

4 (d) A written certification signed by a parent or legal guardian of
5 the child stating that the signer has either a philosophical or
6 personal objection to immunizing the child.

7 (2) The administrator shall grant to parents and guardians of
8 children enrolled in the plan on or before January 1, 1992, ninety days
9 to comply with the requirements of this section.

10 (3) The administrator shall decide the manner in which certificates
11 and waivers required by this section shall be prepared and made
12 available.

13 (4) The administrator shall establish by rule a procedure to
14 periodically check whether children are making satisfactory progress in
15 complying with the appropriate immunization schedules. Such monitoring
16 shall, to the extent possible, be conducted when the parent or guardian
17 of the child has any routine contact with the plan or health care
18 contractors authorized to provide services under the plan.

19 (5) The administrator shall coordinate with the administrator of
20 the basic health plan, and the secretaries of health and social and
21 health services to assure minimum paperwork and duplicative compliance
22 requirements for children receiving state services or benefits from
23 more than one state agency.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED FOR REGULATED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS. (1)
27 Effective January 1, 1992, health care professionals regulated under
28 one of the disciplining authorities cited in RCW 18.130.020, who are
29 determined by the state board of health to present a risk of

1 contracting and spreading preventable infectious diseases covered by
2 the board's immunization schedules, shall present evidence of
3 appropriate immunization to the department upon the renewal of their
4 license, and for those applicants for licensure, prior to the issuance
5 of a license.

6 (2) The department shall accept in lieu of evidence of
7 immunization:

8 (a) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
9 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
10 for the health care professional. When it is determined by the
11 physician that a particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the health
12 care professional will be required to receive the immunization;

13 (b) A written certification signed by the health care professional
14 stating his or her objections to the required immunizations based upon
15 religious beliefs; or

16 (c) A written certification signed by the health care professional
17 stating his or her objections based on either philosophical or personal
18 grounds.

19 (3) The department shall prescribe forms necessary to meet the
20 requirements of this section.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED FOR PERSONS WORKING IN STATE REGULATED HEALTH
24 CARE FACILITIES--HOSPITALS. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, a hospital
25 shall require as a condition of employment or continued employment that
26 all applicants and hospital personnel provide evidence of meeting the
27 immunization requirements as defined by the state board of health under
28 section 3 of this act.

1 (2) A hospital shall not require employees to provide evidence of
2 immunizations if the employees are regulated under one of the
3 disciplining authorities cited in RCW 18.130.020 or if the employees
4 have no direct patient contact and are exempt from immunization
5 requirements by the state board of health.

6 (3) The hospital shall accept in lieu of evidence of immunization:

7 (a) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
8 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
9 for the employee. When it is determined by the physician that a
10 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the employee will be
11 required to receive the immunization;

12 (b) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
13 her objections to the required immunizations based upon religious
14 beliefs; or

15 (c) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
16 her objections based on either philosophical or personal grounds.

17 (4) The department shall prescribe forms necessary to meet the
18 requirements of this section.

19 (5) The hospital shall maintain proof of immunizations, waivers,
20 and certificates for current employees covered by this section.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 70.175
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED FOR PERSONS WORKING IN STATE REGULATED HEALTH
24 CARE FACILITIES--RURAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY. (1) Effective January 1,
25 1992, a rural health care facility shall require as a condition of
26 employment or continued employment that all personnel employed by the
27 facility provide evidence of meeting applicable immunization
28 requirements as defined by the state board of health under section 3 of
29 this act.

1 (2) The rural health care facility shall not require employees to
2 provide evidence of immunizations if the employees are regulated under
3 one of the disciplining authorities cited in RCW 18.130.020 or if the
4 employees have no direct patient contact and are exempt from
5 immunization requirements by the state board of health.

6 (3) The rural health care facility shall accept in lieu of evidence
7 of immunization:

8 (a) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
9 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
10 for the employee. When it is determined by the physician that a
11 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the employee will be
12 required to receive the immunization;

13 (b) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
14 her objections to the required immunizations based upon religious
15 beliefs; or

16 (c) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
17 her objections based on either philosophical or personal grounds.

18 (4) The department shall prescribe forms necessary to meet the
19 requirements of this section.

20 (5) The rural health care facility shall maintain proof of
21 immunizations, waivers, and certificates for current employees covered
22 by this section.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED FOR PERSONS WORKING IN STATE REGULATED HEALTH
26 CARE FACILITIES--NURSING HOMES. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, a
27 nursing home shall require as a condition of employment or continued
28 employment that all personnel employed by the nursing home provide

1 evidence of meeting applicable immunization requirements as defined by
2 the state board of health under section 3 of this act.

3 (2) The nursing home shall not require employees to provide
4 evidence of immunizations if such employees are regulated under one of
5 the disciplining authorities cited in RCW 18.130.020 or if such
6 employees have no direct patient contact and are exempt from
7 immunization requirements by the state board of health.

8 (3) The nursing home shall accept in lieu of evidence of
9 immunization:

10 (a) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
11 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
12 for the employee. When it is determined by the physician that a
13 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the employee will be
14 required to receive the immunization;

15 (b) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
16 her objections to the required immunizations based upon religious
17 beliefs; or

18 (c) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
19 her objections based on either philosophical or personal grounds.

20 (4) The department shall prescribe forms necessary to meet the
21 requirements of this section.

22 (5) The nursing home facility shall maintain proof of
23 immunizations, waivers, and certificates for current employees covered
24 by this section.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 18.46 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED FOR PERSONS WORKING IN STATE REGULATED HEALTH
28 CARE FACILITIES--MATERNITY HOMES. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, a
29 maternity home shall require as a condition of employment or continued

1 employment that all personnel employed by the maternity home provide
2 evidence of meeting applicable immunization requirements as defined by
3 the state board of health under section 3 of this act.

4 (2) The maternity home shall not require employees to provide
5 evidence of immunizations if such employees are regulated under one of
6 the disciplining authorities cited in RCW 18.130.020 or if such
7 employees have no direct patient contact and are exempt from
8 immunization requirements by the state board of health.

9 (3) The maternity home shall accept in lieu of evidence of
10 immunization:

11 (a) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
12 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
13 for the employee. When it is determined by the physician that a
14 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the employee will be
15 required to receive the immunization;

16 (b) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
17 her objections to the required immunizations based upon religious
18 beliefs; or

19 (c) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
20 her objections based on either philosophical or personal grounds.

21 (4) The department shall prescribe forms necessary to meet the
22 requirements of this section.

23 (5) The maternity home shall maintain proof of immunizations,
24 waivers, and certificates for current employees covered by this
25 section.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter 70.01 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR UNREGULATED PERSONNEL WORKING IN
29 UNREGULATED HEALTH CARE SETTINGS. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, a

1 health care professional regulated under one of the disciplining
2 authorities cited in RCW 18.130.020 shall require of his or her
3 employees that as a condition of employment or continued employment
4 they provide evidence of meeting applicable immunization requirements
5 as defined by the state board of health in section 3 of this act. The
6 health care professional shall not require immunization compliance of
7 his or her employees who are currently regulated under one of the
8 disciplining authorities cited in RCW 18.130.020 or who are employees
9 who have no direct patient contact and are exempt from immunization
10 requirements by the state board of health.

11 (2) The employing health care professional shall accept in lieu of
12 evidence of immunization:

13 (a) A waiver signed by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or
14 18.57 RCW stating that a particular vaccine is not medically advisable
15 for the employee. When it is determined by the physician that a
16 particular vaccine is not contraindicated, the employee will be
17 required to receive the immunization;

18 (b) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
19 her objections to the required immunizations based upon religious
20 beliefs; or

21 (c) A written certification signed by the employee stating his or
22 her objections based on either philosophical or personal grounds.

23 (3) The department shall prescribe forms necessary to meet the
24 requirements of this section.

25 (4) The employing health care professional shall maintain proof of
26 immunizations, waivers, and certificates required by this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** A new section is added to chapter 70.01 RCW
28 to read as follows:

1 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 ACTIVITIES. (1) Effective January 1, 1992, the secretary of social and
3 health services shall establish a voucher program to reimburse eligible
4 health care providers who administer to children under the age of
5 eighteen appropriate immunizations for infectious diseases identified
6 by the state board of health. The amount of the voucher shall be
7 established by the secretary of social and health services.

8 (a) An eligible health care provider means a health care
9 practitioner licensed in the state of Washington who is authorized by
10 their license to administer immunizations.

11 (b) Any child under the age of eighteen who resides in the state of
12 Washington is eligible for a voucher.

13 (2) The secretary of social and health services shall:

14 (a) Coordinate with the secretary of health and the administrators
15 of the basic health plan and the state health care authority to assure
16 that no duplication of payment to providers for immunization
17 administration occurs across state-funded programs.

18 (b) Coordinate with the secretary of health in the development of
19 coupon voucher booklets that shall include at least the following: (i)
20 The reimbursement vouchers required by this section; (ii) general
21 educational information about infectious diseases; and (iii) the
22 appropriate immunization schedules developed by the state board of
23 health.

24 (c) Coordinate with the secretary of health to develop and
25 implement a system of distributing voucher coupon booklets and a cost-
26 efficient system to track compliance among children with the state
27 board of health recommended immunizations.

28 (d) Coordinate with the secretary of health to develop strategies
29 to encourage parents to have their children immunized according to
30 state board of health recommendations.

1 (e) Coordinate the implementation of this section with other
2 existing state and local infectious disease immunization efforts.

3 **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.20.117 and 1986 c 15 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The department shall issue "identicards," containing a picture,
6 to individuals for a fee of four dollars. However, the fee shall be
7 the actual cost of production to recipients of continuing public
8 assistance grants under Title 74 RCW who are referred in writing to the
9 department by the secretary of social and health services. The fee
10 shall be deposited in the highway safety fund. To be eligible, each
11 applicant shall produce evidence as required by the rules adopted by
12 the director that positively proves identity. The "identicard" shall
13 be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused with the
14 official driver's license. The identicard shall expire on the fifth
15 anniversary of the applicant's birthdate after issuance. Effective
16 January 1, 1992, with each renewal notice the department shall send to
17 "identicard" holders information about recommended infectious disease
18 immunizations developed by the state board of health.

19 (2) The department may cancel an "identicard" upon a showing by its
20 records or other evidence that the holder of such "identicard" has
21 committed a violation relating to "identicards" defined in RCW
22 46.20.336.

23 **Sec. 16.** RCW 46.20.181 and 1990 c 250 s 41 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Every driver's license expires on the fourth anniversary of the
26 licensee's birthdate following the issuance of the license. Every such
27 license is renewable on or before its expiration upon application
28 prescribed by the department and the payment of a fee of fourteen

1 dollars. This fee includes the fee for the required photograph.
2 Effective January 1, 1992, with each renewal notice the department
3 shall send to "identocard" holders information about recommended
4 infectious disease immunizations developed by the state board of
5 health.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. A new section is added to chapter 70.01 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 IMMUNIZATION OUTREACH DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. (1) Effective
9 January 1, 1992, the secretary of health may establish up to four
10 immunization outreach demonstration projects in four communities in the
11 state with the purpose of identifying innovative ways to increase
12 infectious disease immunizations among children and other at-risk
13 populations.

14 (a) The projects shall be located in one urban and one rural
15 community east of the Cascade mountains and one urban and one rural
16 community west of the Cascade mountains.

17 (b) In selecting project sites the secretary shall give priority to
18 communities where immunization rates are below the state average and
19 where there are access barriers to immunization services.

20 (2) To the extent possible, funding for projects should be used to
21 enhance existing immunization efforts in the community or, when
22 necessary, to plan for and implement new immunization efforts where
23 none exist. Project funding shall not be used to purchase vaccine or
24 to pay for, or subsidize, provider administrative fees.

25 (3) The secretary shall use appropriate immunization schedules
26 developed by the state board of health when implementing the provisions
27 of this section.

28 (4) The secretary shall coordinate the demonstration projects with
29 other state and local infectious disease immunization efforts.

1 (5) The secretary shall report to the health care committees of the
2 legislature by December 1, 1993, on the effectiveness of the projects
3 and shall make recommendations as to whether they should be continued
4 or expanded.

5 (6) This section shall expire on June 30, 1994.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** If specific funding for the purposes of
7 sections 14 through 17 of this act, referencing this act by bill
8 number, is not provided by June 30, 1991, in the omnibus appropriations
9 act, sections 14 through 17 of this act, shall be null and void.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** Section headings as used in this act do
11 not constitute any part of the law.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
15 effect immediately.