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1 AN ACT Relating to the restructuring of boards, committees,
2 commissions, and councils; amending RCW 18.25.005, 18.25.006,
3 18.25.019, 18.25.020, 18.25.025, 18.25.030, 18.25.035, 18.25.040,
4 18.25.070, 18.25.075, 18.25.180, 18.25.190, 18.32.010, 18.32.030,
5 18.32.040, 18.32.050, 18.32.100, 18.32.120, 18.32.160, 18.32.180,
6 18.32.190, 18.32.195, 18.32.215, 18.32.534, 18.32.640, 18.32.655,
7 18.32.665, 18.32.745, 18.32.755, 18.71.010, 18.71.017, 18.71.019,
8 18.71.050, 18.71.051, 18.71.055, 18.71.060, 18.71.070, 18.71.085,
9 18.71.090, 18.71.095, 18.71.205, 18.71.230, 18.71A.010, 18.71A.020,
10 18.71A.030, 18.71A.040, 18.71A.045, 18.71A.050, 18.71A.060, 18.71A.085,
11 18.72.155, 18.72.165, 18.72.265, 18.72.301, 18.72.306, 18.72.311,
12 18.72.316, 18.72.340, 18.72.345, 18.19.070, 18.06.080, 18.55.020,
13 18.84.020, 18.84.040, 18.84.070, 18.84.090, 18.84.110, 18.89.020,
14 18.89.050, 18.89.080, 18.135.030, 18.138.070, 18.130.010, 18.130.020,
15 18.130.040, 18.130.300, 4.24.260, 4.24.290, 5.62.010, 18.50.032,
16 18.50.040, 18.50.140, 18.50.115, 18.88A.020, 18.88A.030, 18.88A.060,
17 18.88A.080, 18.88A.085, 18.88A.090, 18.88A.130, 18.89.040, 18.100.140,
18 18.120.020, 18.135.020, 28A.210.260, 28A.210.280, 28A.210.290,
19 28C.10.030, 41.05.075, 41.05.180, 42.17.316, 43.70.220, 48.20.393,
20 48.20.411, 48.21.141, 48.21.225, 48.44.026, 48.44.290, 48.44.325,
21 48.46.275, 69.41.030, 69.45.010, 69.50.101, 69.50.402, 70.02.030,

1 70.41.200, 70.41.210, 70.41.230, 70.127.250, 70.180.030, 71.24.025,
2 74.09.290, 74.42.010, 74.42.230, 74.42.240, 74.42.380, 41.04.395,
3 43.19.558, 43.19.554, 70.148.030, 70.175.030, 78.52.010, 78.52.025,
4 78.52.030, 78.52.031, 78.52.032, 78.52.033, 78.52.035, 78.52.037,
5 78.52.040, 78.52.050, 78.52.070, 78.52.100, 78.52.120, 78.52.125,
6 78.52.140, 78.52.150, 78.52.155, 78.52.200, 78.52.205, 78.52.210,
7 78.52.220, 78.52.230, 78.52.240, 78.52.245, 78.52.250, 78.52.257,
8 78.52.260, 78.52.270, 78.52.280, 78.52.290, 78.52.300, 78.52.310,
9 78.52.320, 78.52.330, 78.52.335, 78.52.365, 78.52.460, 78.52.463,
10 78.52.467, 78.52.470, 78.52.480, 78.52.490, 78.52.530, 78.52.540,
11 90.48.366, and 90.54.190; reenacting and amending RCW 18.71.015,
12 18.71.030, 18.71.080, 18.71.030, 18.88A.100, 69.41.010, 71.05.210, and
13 75.30.050; adding new sections to chapter 18.25 RCW; adding new
14 sections to chapter 18.32 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 18.71
15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 75.30 RCW; adding new sections to
16 chapter 88.46 RCW; creating new sections; adding new chapters to Title
17 18 RCW; recodifying RCW 18.25.120, 18.25.130, 18.25.140, 18.25.150,
18 18.25.160, 18.25.170, 18.72.155, 18.72.165, 18.72.265, 18.72.301,
19 18.72.306, 18.72.311, 18.72.316, 18.72.340, 18.72.345, 18.72.010,
20 18.72.321, 18.72.380, 18.72.390, and 18.72.400; repealing RCW
21 18.25.015, 18.25.016, 18.25.017, 18.26.010, 18.26.020, 18.26.028,
22 18.26.030, 18.26.040, 18.26.050, 18.26.060, 18.26.070, 18.26.080,
23 18.26.090, 18.26.110, 18.26.320, 18.26.330, 18.26.340, 18.26.350,
24 18.26.360, 18.26.370, 18.26.380, 18.26.390, 18.26.900, 18.32.035,
25 18.32.037, 18.32.042, 18.32.500, 18.32.510, 18.32.520, 18.32.560,
26 18.32.570, 18.32.580, 18.32.590, 18.32.600, 18.32.610, 18.32.620,
27 18.72.020, 18.72.045, 18.72.090, 18.72.100, 18.72.110, 18.72.120,
28 18.72.130, 18.72.150, 18.72.154, 18.72.190, 18.72.900, 18.72.910,
29 18.78.005, 18.78.010, 18.78.020, 18.78.030, 18.78.040, 18.78.050,
30 18.78.054, 18.78.055, 18.78.058, 18.78.060, 18.78.070, 18.78.072,
31 18.78.080, 18.78.090, 18.78.100, 18.78.160, 18.78.182, 18.78.225,
32 18.78.900, 18.78.901, 18.88.010, 18.88.020, 18.88.030, 18.88.050,
33 18.88.060, 18.88.070, 18.88.080, 18.88.086, 18.88.090, 18.88.100,
34 18.88.110, 18.88.120, 18.88.130, 18.88.140, 18.88.150, 18.88.160,
35 18.88.170, 18.88.175, 18.88.190, 18.88.200, 18.88.220, 18.88.270,
36 18.88.280, 18.88.285, 18.88.290, 18.88.295, 18.88.300, 18.88.900,
37 18.88A.070, 18.06.170, 18.84.060, 18.89.070, 18.138.080, 18.85.500,
38 27.34.030, 27.34.040, 27.34.050, 43.19.1902, 43.19.556, 43.21A.170,
39 43.21A.180, 43.21A.190, 43.21A.200, 43.21A.210, 43.200.050, 43.230.010,

1 43.230.020, 43.230.030, 43.230.040, 48.17.135, 49.70.120, 49.70.130,
2 67.34.011, 67.34.021, 70.94.039, 73.40.020, 73.40.050, 78.52.020,
3 88.44.005, 88.44.010, 88.44.020, 88.44.030, 88.44.040, 88.44.080,
4 88.44.090, 88.44.100, 88.44.110, 88.44.120, 88.44.130, 88.44.140,
5 88.44.150, 88.44.160, 88.44.170, 88.44.180, 88.44.190, 88.44.200,
6 88.44.210, 88.44.220, 88.44.900, 88.44.901, and 88.46.110; repealing
7 1984 c 286 s 13 (uncodified); and prescribing penalties.

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

9 **CHIROPRACTIC**

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 This chapter is enacted:

13 (1) In the exercise of the police power of the state and to provide
14 an adequate public agency to act as a disciplinary body for the members
15 of the chiropractic profession licensed to practice chiropractic in
16 this state;

17 (2) Because the health and well-being of the people of this state
18 are of paramount importance;

19 (3) Because the conduct of members of the chiropractic profession
20 licensed to practice chiropractic in this state plays a vital role in
21 preserving the health and well-being of the people of the state; and

22 (4) Because practicing other healing arts while licensed to
23 practice chiropractic and while holding one's self out to the public as
24 a chiropractor affects the health and welfare of the people of the
25 state.

26 It is the purpose of the commission established under section 104
27 of this act to regulate the competency and quality of professional
28 health care providers under its jurisdiction by establishing,
29 monitoring, and enforcing qualifications for licensing, consistent
30 standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and
31 discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the
32 commission must promote the delivery of quality health care to the
33 residents of the state.

34 **Sec. 102.** RCW 18.25.005 and 1992 c 241 s 2 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

1 (1) Chiropractic is the practice of health care that deals with the
2 diagnosis or analysis and care or treatment of the vertebral
3 subluxation complex and its effects, articular dysfunction, and
4 musculoskeletal disorders, all for the restoration and maintenance of
5 health and recognizing the recuperative powers of the body.

6 (2) Chiropractic treatment or care includes the use of procedures
7 involving spinal adjustments, and extremity manipulation insofar as any
8 such procedure is complementary or preparatory to a chiropractic spinal
9 adjustment. Chiropractic treatment also includes the use of heat,
10 cold, water, exercise, massage, trigger point therapy, dietary advice
11 and recommendation of nutritional supplementation except for medicines
12 of herbal, animal, or botanical origin, the normal regimen and
13 rehabilitation of the patient, first aid, and counseling on hygiene,
14 sanitation, and preventive measures. Chiropractic care also includes
15 such physiological therapeutic procedures as traction and light, but
16 does not include procedures involving the application of sound,
17 diathermy, or electricity.

18 (3) As part of a chiropractic differential diagnosis, a
19 chiropractor shall perform a physical examination, which may include
20 diagnostic x-rays, to determine the appropriateness of chiropractic
21 care or the need for referral to other health care providers. The
22 chiropractic (~~disciplinary board~~) quality assurance commission shall
23 provide by rule for the type and use of diagnostic and analytical
24 devices and procedures consistent with this chapter.

25 (4) Chiropractic care shall not include the prescription or
26 dispensing of any medicine or drug, the practice of obstetrics or
27 surgery, the use of x-rays or any other form of radiation for
28 therapeutic purposes, colonic irrigation, or any form of venipuncture.

29 (5) Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts any other
30 practitioner of a "health profession" defined in RCW 18.120.020(4) from
31 performing any functions or procedures the practitioner is licensed or
32 permitted to perform, and the term "chiropractic" as defined in this
33 chapter shall not prohibit a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71
34 RCW from performing medical procedures, except such procedures shall
35 not include the adjustment by hand of any articulation of the spine.

36 **Sec. 103.** RCW 18.25.006 and 1992 c 241 s 3 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
2 this section apply throughout this chapter.

3 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

4 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health or
5 the secretary's designee.

6 (3) "Chiropractor" means an individual licensed under this chapter.

7 (4) (~~("Board" means the Washington state board of chiropractic~~
8 ~~examiners-.)~~) "Commission" means the Washington state chiropractic
9 quality assurance commission.

10 (5) "Vertebral subluxation complex" means a functional defect or
11 alteration of the biomechanical and physiological dynamics in a joint
12 that may cause neuronal disturbances, with or without displacement
13 detectable by x-ray. The effects of the vertebral subluxation complex
14 may include, but are not limited to, any of the following: Fixation,
15 hypomobility, hypermobility, periarticular muscle spasm, edema, or
16 inflammation.

17 (6) "Articular dysfunction" means an alteration of the
18 biomechanical and physiological dynamics of a joint of the axial or
19 appendicular skeleton.

20 (7) "Musculoskeletal disorders" means abnormalities of the muscles,
21 bones, and connective tissue.

22 (8) "Chiropractic differential diagnosis" means a diagnosis to
23 determine the existence of a vertebral subluxation complex, articular
24 dysfunction, or musculoskeletal disorder, and the appropriateness of
25 chiropractic care or the need for referral to other health care
26 providers.

27 (9) "Chiropractic adjustment" means chiropractic care of a
28 vertebral subluxation complex, articular dysfunction, or
29 musculoskeletal disorder. Such care includes manual or mechanical
30 adjustment of any vertebral articulation and contiguous articulations
31 beyond the normal passive physiological range of motion.

32 (10) "Extremity manipulation" means a corrective thrust or maneuver
33 applied to a joint of the appendicular skeleton. The use of extremity
34 manipulation shall be complementary and preparatory to a chiropractic
35 spinal adjustment to support correction of a vertebral subluxation
36 complex and is considered a part of a spinal adjustment and shall not
37 be billed separately from or in addition to a spinal adjustment.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 104.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED--MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. The
4 Washington state chiropractic quality assurance commission is
5 established, consisting of fourteen members appointed by the governor
6 to four-year terms, and including eleven practicing chiropractors and
7 three public members. No member may serve more than two consecutive
8 full terms. In appointing the initial members of the commission, it is
9 the intent of the legislature that, to the extent possible, the
10 governor appoint members of the previous boards and committees
11 regulating this profession to the commission. Members of the
12 commission hold office until their successors are appointed. The
13 governor may appoint the members of the initial commissions to
14 staggered terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members
15 shall be appointed to full four-year terms. The governor may consider
16 persons who are recommended for appointment by chiropractic
17 associations of this state.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 105.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 COMMISSION--REMOVAL OF MEMBERS--VACANCIES. The governor may remove
21 a member of the commission for neglect of duty, misconduct, or
22 malfeasance or misfeasance in office. Whenever the governor is
23 satisfied that a member of the commission has been guilty of neglect of
24 duty, misconduct, or malfeasance or misfeasance in office, the governor
25 shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the causes for
26 and the order of removal from office, and the secretary shall forthwith
27 send a certified copy of the order of removal and statement of causes
28 by certified mail to the last known post office address of the member.
29 If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the governor shall appoint a
30 replacement to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 106.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 COMMISSION--QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. Members must be citizens of
34 the United States and residents of this state. Members must be
35 licensed chiropractors for a period of five years before appointment.
36 Public members of the commission may not be a member of any other
37 health care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary

1 obligation to a facility rendering health services regulated by the
2 commission, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering
3 of health services regulated by the commission.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 107.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 COMMISSION--DUTIES AND POWERS. The commission shall elect officers
7 each year. Meetings of the commission are open to the public, except
8 that the commission may hold executive sessions to the extent permitted
9 by chapter 42.30 RCW. The secretary of health shall furnish such
10 secretarial, clerical, and other assistance as the commission may
11 require.

12 Each member of the commission shall be compensated in accordance
13 with RCW 43.03.240. Members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
14 incurred in the actual performance of their duties, as provided in RCW
15 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

16 A majority of the commission members appointed and serving
17 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of commission business. The
18 affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the commission is
19 required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass
20 a measure.

21 The commission may appoint members of panels of at least three
22 members. A quorum for transaction of any business by a panel is a
23 minimum of three members. A majority vote of a quorum of the panel is
24 required to transact business delegated to it by the commission.

25 The members of the commission are immune from suit in an action,
26 civil or criminal, based upon its disciplinary proceedings or other
27 official acts performed in good faith as members of the commission.

28 The commission may, whenever the workload of the commission
29 requires, request that the secretary appoint pro tempore members.
30 While serving as members pro tempore persons have all the powers,
31 duties, and immunities, and are entitled to the emoluments, including
32 travel expenses, of the commission.

33 The commission shall prepare or determine the nature of the
34 examinations for applicants to practice chiropractic.

35 The commission may adopt such rules as are consistent with this
36 chapter as may be deemed necessary and proper to carry out the purposes
37 of this chapter.

1 **Sec. 108.** RCW 18.25.019 and 1987 c 150 s 12 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs
4 unlicensed practice (~~(and)~~), the issuance and denial of licenses, and
5 the discipline of licensees under this chapter.

6 **Sec. 109.** RCW 18.25.020 and 1991 c 3 s 38 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Any person not now licensed to practice chiropractic in this
9 state and who desires to practice chiropractic in this state, before it
10 shall be lawful for him or her to do so, shall make application
11 therefor to the secretary, upon such form and in such manner as may be
12 adopted and directed by the secretary. Each applicant who matriculates
13 to a chiropractic college after January 1, 1975, shall have completed
14 not less than one-half of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree
15 at an accredited and approved college or university and shall be a
16 graduate of a chiropractic school or college accredited and approved by
17 the (~~board of chiropractic examiners~~) commission and shall show
18 satisfactory evidence of completion by each applicant of a resident
19 course of study of not less than four thousand classroom hours of
20 instruction in such school or college. Applications shall be in
21 writing and shall be signed by the applicant in his or her own
22 handwriting and shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to
23 administer oaths, and shall recite the history of the applicant as to
24 his or her educational advantages, his or her experience in matters
25 pertaining to a knowledge of the care of the sick, how long he or she
26 has studied chiropractic, under what teachers, what collateral
27 branches, if any, he or she has studied, the length of time he or she
28 has engaged in clinical practice; accompanying the same by reference
29 therein, with any proof thereof in the shape of diplomas, certificates,
30 and shall accompany said application with satisfactory evidence of good
31 character and reputation.

32 (2) There shall be paid to the secretary by each applicant for a
33 license, a fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250
34 which shall accompany application and a fee determined by the secretary
35 as provided in RCW 43.70.250, which shall be paid upon issuance of
36 license. Like fees shall be paid for any subsequent examination and
37 application.

1 **Sec. 110.** RCW 18.25.025 and 1980 c 51 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The ((board)) commission shall have authority to grant
4 accreditation to chiropractic schools and colleges.

5 The ((board)) commission shall have authority to adopt educational
6 standards which may include standards of any accreditation agency
7 recognized by the office of education of the department of health and
8 human services or its successor agency, or any portion of such
9 standards, as the ((board's)) commission's standards: PROVIDED, That
10 such standards, so adopted, shall contain, as a minimum of on-campus
11 instruction in chiropractic, the following: Principles of
12 chiropractic, two hundred hours; adjustive technique, four hundred
13 hours; spinal roentgenology, one hundred seventy-five hours;
14 symptomatology and diagnosis, four hundred twenty-five hours; clinic,
15 six hundred twenty-five hours: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such standards
16 shall not mandate, as a requirement for either graduation or
17 accreditation, or include in the computation of hours of chiropractic
18 instruction required by this section, instruction in the following:
19 Mechanotherapy, physiotherapy, acupuncture, acupressure, or any other
20 therapy.

21 The ((board)) commission shall approve and accredit chiropractic
22 colleges and schools which apply for ((board)) commission accreditation
23 and approval and which meet to the ((board's)) commission's
24 satisfaction the educational standards adopted by the ((board))
25 commission. It shall be the responsibility of the college to apply for
26 accreditation and approval, and of a student to ascertain whether a
27 college or school has been accredited or approved by the ((board))
28 commission.

29 The ((board)) commission shall have authority to engage assistants
30 in the giving of examinations called for under this chapter.

31 **Sec. 111.** RCW 18.25.030 and 1989 c 258 s 4 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Examinations for license to practice chiropractic shall be made by
34 the ((board of chiropractic examiners)) commission according to the
35 method deemed by it to be the most practicable and expeditious to test
36 the applicant's qualifications. Such application shall be designated
37 by a number instead of his or her name, so that the identity shall not

1 be discovered or disclosed to the members of the ((examining
2 committee)) commission until after the examination papers are graded.

3 All examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing, the
4 subject of which shall be as follows: Anatomy, physiology, spinal
5 anatomy, microbiology-public health, general diagnosis,
6 neuromuscularskeletal diagnosis, x-ray, principles of chiropractic and
7 adjusting, as taught by chiropractic schools and colleges. The
8 ((board)) commission shall administer a practical examination to
9 applicants which shall consist of diagnosis, principles and practice,
10 x-ray, and adjustive technique consistent with chapter 18.25 RCW. A
11 license shall be granted to all applicants whose score over each
12 subject tested is seventy-five percent. The ((board)) commission may
13 enact additional requirements for testing administered by the national
14 board of chiropractic examiners.

15 **Sec. 112.** RCW 18.25.035 and 1971 ex.s. c 227 s 5 are each amended
16 to read as follows:

17 The ((board)) commission may, in its discretion, waive any
18 examination required by this chapter of persons applying for a license
19 to practice chiropractic if, in its opinion, the applicant has
20 successfully passed an examination conducted by the national board of
21 chiropractic examiners of the United States that is of equal or greater
22 difficulty than the examination being waived by the ((board))
23 commission.

24 **Sec. 113.** RCW 18.25.040 and 1991 c 320 s 8 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 Persons licensed to practice chiropractic under the laws of any
27 other state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia,
28 Puerto Rico, or province of Canada, having qualifications substantially
29 equivalent to those required by this chapter, may, in the discretion of
30 the ((~~board of chiropractic examiners~~)) commission, and after such
31 examination as may be required by rule of the ((board)) commission, be
32 issued a license to practice in this state without further examination,
33 upon payment of a fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW
34 43.70.250.

35 **Sec. 114.** RCW 18.25.070 and 1991 c 3 s 40 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

1 (1) Every person practicing chiropractic shall, as a prerequisite
2 to annual renewal of license, submit to the secretary at the time of
3 application therefor, satisfactory proof showing attendance of at least
4 twenty-five hours during the preceding twelve-month period, at one or
5 more chiropractic symposiums which are recognized and approved by the
6 (~~board of chiropractic examiners:~~ PROVIDED, That the board))
7 commission. The commission may, for good cause shown, waive said
8 attendance. The following guidelines for such symposiums shall apply:

9 (a) The (~~board~~) commission shall set criteria for the course
10 content of educational symposia concerning matters which are recognized
11 by the state of Washington chiropractic licensing laws; it shall be the
12 licensee's responsibility to determine whether the course content meets
13 these criteria;

14 (b) The (~~board~~) commission shall adopt standards for distribution
15 of annual continuing education credit requirements;

16 (c) Rules shall be adopted by the (~~board~~) commission for
17 licensees practicing and residing outside the state who shall meet all
18 requirements established by rule of the (~~board by rules and~~
19 ~~regulations~~) commission.

20 (2) Every person practicing chiropractic within this state shall
21 pay on or before his or her birth anniversary date, after a license is
22 issued to him or her as (~~herein~~) provided in this chapter, to
23 (~~said~~) the secretary a renewal license fee to be determined by the
24 secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250. The secretary shall, thirty
25 days or more before the birth anniversary date of each chiropractor in
26 the state, mail to that chiropractor a notice of the fact that the
27 renewal fee will be due on or before his or her birth anniversary date.
28 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed so as to require that the
29 receipts shall be recorded as original licenses are required to be
30 recorded.

31 The failure of any licensed chiropractor to pay his or her annual
32 license renewal fee within thirty days of license expiration shall work
33 a forfeiture of his or her license. It shall not be reinstated except
34 upon evidence that continuing educational requirements have been
35 fulfilled and the payment of a penalty to be determined by the
36 secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250, together with all annual
37 license renewal fees delinquent at the time of the forfeiture, and
38 those for each year thereafter up to the time of reinstatement.
39 (~~Should the licentiate~~) If the licensee allows his or her license to

1 ((elapse)) lapse for more than three years, he or she may be reexamined
2 as provided for in RCW 18.25.040 at the discretion of the ((board))
3 commission.

4 **Sec. 115.** RCW 18.25.075 and 1991 c 3 s 41 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) An individual may place his or her license on inactive status.
7 The holder of an inactive license shall not practice chiropractic in
8 this state without first activating the license.

9 (2) The inactive renewal fee shall be established by the secretary
10 pursuant to RCW 43.70.250. Failure to renew an inactive license shall
11 result in cancellation in the same manner as an active license.

12 (3) An inactive license may be placed in an active status upon
13 compliance with the rules established by the ((board)) commission.

14 (4) The provisions relating to the denial, suspension, and
15 revocation of a license shall be applicable to an inactive license,
16 except that when proceedings to suspend or revoke an inactive license
17 have been initiated, the license shall remain inactive until the
18 proceedings have been completed.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 116.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) In addition to those acts defined in chapter 18.130 RCW, the
22 term "unprofessional conduct" as used in this chapter includes failing
23 to differentiate chiropractic care from any and all other methods of
24 healing at all times.

25 (2) Proceedings involving alleged unprofessional conduct shall be
26 prosecuted by the attorney general upon the direction of the
27 commission.

28 **Sec. 117.** RCW 18.25.180 and 1991 c 222 s 9 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) A chiropractor may employ a technician to operate x-ray
31 equipment after the technician has registered with the ((board))
32 commission.

33 (2) The ((board)) commission may adopt rules necessary and
34 appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

1 **Sec. 118.** RCW 18.25.190 and 1991 c 320 s 10 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit:

4 (1) The temporary practice in this state of chiropractic by any
5 chiropractor licensed by another state, territory, or country in which
6 he or she resides. However, the chiropractor shall not establish a
7 practice open to the general public and shall not engage in temporary
8 practice under this section for a period longer than thirty days. The
9 chiropractor shall register his or her intention to engage in the
10 temporary practice of chiropractic in this state with the (~~board of~~
11 ~~chiropractic examiners~~) commission before engaging in the practice of
12 chiropractic, and shall agree to be bound by such conditions as may be
13 prescribed by rule by the (~~board~~) commission.

14 (2) The practice of chiropractic, except the administration of a
15 chiropractic adjustment, by a person who is a regular senior student in
16 an accredited school of chiropractic approved by the (~~board~~)
17 commission if the practice is part of a regular course of instruction
18 offered by the school and the student is under the direct supervision
19 and control of a chiropractor duly licensed pursuant to this chapter
20 and approved by the (~~board~~) commission.

21 (3) The practice of chiropractic by a person serving a period of
22 postgraduate chiropractic training in a program of clinical
23 chiropractic training sponsored by a school of chiropractic accredited
24 in this state if the practice is part of his or her duties as a
25 clinical postgraduate trainee and the trainee is under the direct
26 supervision and control of a chiropractor duly licensed pursuant to
27 this chapter and approved by the (~~board~~) commission.

28 (4) The practice of chiropractic by a person who is eligible and
29 has applied to take the next available examination for licensing
30 offered by the (~~board of chiropractic examiners~~) commission, except
31 that the unlicensed chiropractor must provide all services under the
32 direct control and supervision of a licensed chiropractor approved by
33 the (~~board~~) commission. The unlicensed chiropractor may continue to
34 practice as provided by this subsection until the results of the next
35 available examination are published, but in no case for a period longer
36 than six months. The (~~board~~) commission shall adopt rules necessary
37 to effectuate the intent of this subsection.

38 Any provision of chiropractic services by any individual under
39 subsection (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section shall be subject to

1 the jurisdiction of the (~~chiropractic disciplinary board~~) commission
2 as provided in chapters 18.26 and 18.130 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 119.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The commission is the successor in interest of the board of
6 chiropractic examiners, the chiropractic disciplinary board, and the
7 chiropractic peer review committee. All contracts, undertakings,
8 agreements, rules, regulations, and policies of those bodies continue
9 in full force and effect on the effective date of this act, unless
10 otherwise repealed or rejected by chapter . . . , Laws of 1994 (this
11 act) or by the commission.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 120.** RCW 18.25.120, 18.25.130, 18.25.140,
13 18.25.150, 18.25.160, and 18.25.170 are each recodified within chapter
14 18.25 RCW between RCW 18.25.019 and 18.25.020.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 121.** The following acts or parts of acts are
16 each repealed:

17 (1) RCW 18.25.015 and 1989 c 258 s 1, 1984 c 279 s 49, 1980 c 51 s
18 1, 1965 ex.s. c 50 s 1, & 1959 c 53 s 1;

19 (2) RCW 18.25.016 and 1989 c 258 s 13;

20 (3) RCW 18.25.017 and 1991 c 3 s 37, 1986 c 259 s 23, 1984 c 287 s
21 27, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 32, 1974 ex.s. c 97 s 8, & 1959 c 53 s 2;

22 (4) RCW 18.26.010 and 1989 c 258 s 7 & 1967 c 171 s 1;

23 (5) RCW 18.26.020 and 1991 c 3 s 43, 1989 c 258 s 8, & 1967 c 171
24 s 2;

25 (6) RCW 18.26.028 and 1987 c 150 s 13 & 1986 c 259 s 22;

26 (7) RCW 18.26.030 and 1986 c 259 s 25, 1979 ex.s. c 111 s 17, 1975
27 1st ex.s. c 39 s 1, 1974 ex.s. c 97 s 12, & 1967 c 171 s 3;

28 (8) RCW 18.26.040 and 1989 c 258 s 9 & 1980 c 46 s 1;

29 (9) RCW 18.26.050 and 1991 c 3 s 44, 1979 c 158 s 21, & 1967 c 171
30 s 5;

31 (10) RCW 18.26.060 and 1967 c 171 s 6;

32 (11) RCW 18.26.070 and 1991 c 3 s 45, 1984 c 287 s 28, & 1980 c 46
33 s 2;

34 (12) RCW 18.26.080 and 1967 c 171 s 8;

35 (13) RCW 18.26.090 and 1989 c 258 s 11 & 1967 c 171 s 9;

- 1 (14) RCW 18.26.110 and 1986 c 259 s 26, 1975 1st ex.s. c 39 s 2, &
2 1967 c 171 s 11;
3 (15) RCW 18.26.320 and 1991 c 320 s 1;
4 (16) RCW 18.26.330 and 1991 c 320 s 2;
5 (17) RCW 18.26.340 and 1991 c 320 s 3;
6 (18) RCW 18.26.350 and 1991 c 320 s 4;
7 (19) RCW 18.26.360 and 1991 c 320 s 5;
8 (20) RCW 18.26.370 and 1991 c 320 s 6;
9 (21) RCW 18.26.380 and 1991 c 320 s 7;
10 (22) RCW 18.26.390 and 1991 c 320 s 11; and
11 (23) RCW 18.26.900 and 1967 c 171 s 31.

12 **DENTAL**

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 The legislature finds that the health and well-being of the people
16 of this state are of paramount importance.

17 The legislature further finds that the conduct of members of the
18 dental profession licensed to practice dentistry in this state plays a
19 vital role in preserving the health and well-being of the people of the
20 state.

21 The legislature further finds that there is no effective means of
22 handling disciplinary proceedings against members of the dental
23 profession licensed in this state when such proceedings are necessary
24 for the protection of the public health.

25 Therefore, the legislature declares its intention to exercise the
26 police power of the state to protect the public health, to promote the
27 welfare of the state, and to provide a commission to act as a
28 disciplinary and regulatory body for the members of the dental
29 profession licensed to practice dentistry in this state.

30 It is the purpose of the commission established in section 204 of
31 this act to regulate the competency and quality of professional health
32 care providers under its jurisdiction by establishing, monitoring, and
33 enforcing qualifications for licensure, consistent standards of
34 practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules,
35 policies, and procedures developed by the commission must promote the
36 delivery of quality health care to the residents of the state.

1 **Sec. 202.** RCW 18.32.010 and 1991 c 3 s 58 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Words used in the singular in this chapter may also be applied to
4 the plural of the persons and things; words importing the plural may be
5 applied to the singular; words importing the masculine gender may be
6 extended to females also; the term "~~((board))~~ commission" used in this
7 chapter shall mean the Washington state (~~((board of dental examiners))~~)
8 dental quality assurance commission; and the term "secretary" shall
9 mean the secretary of health of the state of Washington.

10 **Sec. 203.** RCW 18.32.030 and 1991 c 3 s 59 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 The following practices, acts, and operations are excepted from the
13 operation of the provisions of this chapter:

14 (1) The rendering of dental relief in emergency cases in the
15 practice of his or her profession by a physician or surgeon, licensed
16 as such and registered under the laws of this state, unless the
17 physician or surgeon undertakes to or does reproduce lost parts of the
18 human teeth in the mouth or to restore or to replace in the human mouth
19 lost or missing teeth;

20 (2) The practice of dentistry in the discharge of official duties
21 by dentists in the United States federal services on federal
22 reservations, including but not limited to the armed services, coast
23 guard, public health service, veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian
24 affairs;

25 (3) Dental schools or colleges approved under RCW 18.32.040, and
26 the practice of dentistry by students in Washington state dental
27 schools or colleges approved by the (~~((board))~~) commission, when acting
28 under the direction and supervision of Washington state-licensed dental
29 school faculty;

30 (4) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of other states
31 or countries while appearing as clinicians at meetings of the
32 Washington state dental association, or component parts thereof, or at
33 meetings sanctioned by them, or other groups approved by the (~~((board of~~
34 ~~dental examiners))~~) commission;

35 (5) The use of roentgen and other rays for making radiographs or
36 similar records of dental or oral tissues, under the supervision of a
37 licensed dentist or physician;

1 (6) The making, repairing, altering, or supplying of artificial
2 restorations, substitutions, appliances, or materials for the
3 correction of disease, loss, deformity, malposition, dislocation,
4 fracture, injury to the jaws, teeth, lips, gums, cheeks, palate, or
5 associated tissues or parts; providing the same are made, repaired,
6 altered, or supplied pursuant to the written instructions and order of
7 a licensed dentist which may be accompanied by casts, models, or
8 impressions furnished by the dentist, and the prescriptions shall be
9 retained and filed for a period of not less than three years and shall
10 be available to and subject to the examination of the secretary or the
11 secretary's authorized representatives;

12 (7) The removal of deposits and stains from the surfaces of the
13 teeth, the application of topical preventative or prophylactic agents,
14 and the polishing and smoothing of restorations, when performed or
15 prescribed by a dental hygienist licensed under the laws of this state;

16 (8) A qualified and licensed physician and surgeon or osteopathic
17 physician and surgeon extracting teeth or performing oral surgery
18 pursuant to the scope of practice under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW;

19 (9) The performing of dental operations or services by persons not
20 licensed under this chapter when performed under the supervision of a
21 licensed dentist: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That such nonlicensed person shall
22 in no event perform the following dental operations or services unless
23 permitted to be performed by the person under this chapter or chapters
24 18.29, 18.57, 18.71, and ((18.88 RCW:)) 18.-- RCW (sections 401
25 through 431 of this act) as it applies to registered nurses and
26 advanced registered nurse practitioners:

27 (a) Any removal of or addition to the hard or soft tissue of the
28 oral cavity;

29 (b) Any diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease,
30 pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human
31 teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure;

32 (c) Any administration of general or injected local anaesthetic of
33 any nature in connection with a dental operation, including intravenous
34 sedation;

35 (d) Any oral prophylaxis;

36 (e) The taking of any impressions of the teeth or jaw or the
37 relationships of the teeth or jaws, for the purpose of fabricating any
38 intra-oral restoration, appliance, or prosthesis.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 204.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED--MEMBERS APPOINTED. The Washington state
4 dental quality assurance commission is established, consisting of
5 fourteen members each appointed by the governor to a four-year term.
6 No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms. In
7 appointing the initial members of the commission, it is the intent of
8 the legislature that, to the extent possible, members of the previous
9 boards and committees regulating these professions be appointed to the
10 commission. Members of the commission hold office until their
11 successors are appointed. The governor may appoint members of the
12 initial commission to staggered terms of from one to four years.
13 Thereafter, all members shall be appointed to full four-year terms.
14 Twelve members of the commission must be dentists and two members must
15 be public members.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 205.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 COMMISSION--REMOVAL OF MEMBERS--VACANCIES. The governor may remove
19 a member of the commission for neglect of duty, misconduct, or
20 malfeasance or misfeasance in office. Whenever the governor is
21 satisfied that a member of the commission has been guilty of neglect of
22 duty, misconduct, or malfeasance or misfeasance in office, the governor
23 shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the causes for
24 and the order of removal from office, and the secretary shall forthwith
25 send a certified copy of the order of removal and statement of causes
26 by certified mail to the last known post office address of the member.
27 If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the governor shall appoint a
28 replacement to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 206.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
30 RCW to read as follows:

31 COMMISSION--QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. Members must be citizens of
32 the United States and residents of this state. Dentist members must be
33 licensed dentists in the active practice of dentistry for a period of
34 five years before appointment. Of the twelve dentists appointed to the
35 commission, at least four must reside and engage in the active practice
36 of dentistry east of the summit of the Cascade mountain range. Public
37 members of the commission may not be a member of any other health care

1 licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary obligation to a
2 facility rendering health services regulated by the commission, or have
3 a material or financial interest in the rendering of health services
4 regulated by the commission.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 207.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 COMMISSION--DUTIES AND POWERS. The commission shall elect officers
8 each year. Meetings of the commission are open to the public, except
9 the commission may hold executive sessions to the extent permitted by
10 chapter 42.30 RCW. The secretary of health shall furnish such
11 secretarial, clerical, and other assistance as the commission may
12 require.

13 A majority of the commission members appointed and serving
14 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of commission business. The
15 affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the commission is
16 required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass
17 a measure.

18 The commission may appoint members of panels consisting of not less
19 than three members. A quorum for transaction of any business shall be
20 a minimum of three members. A majority vote of a quorum of the panel
21 is required to transact business delegated to it by the commission.

22 The members of the commission are immune from suit in an action,
23 civil or criminal, based upon its disciplinary proceedings or other
24 official acts performed in good faith as members of the commission.

25 The commission may, whenever the workload of the commission
26 requires, request that the secretary appoint pro tempore members.
27 While serving as members pro tempore persons have all the powers,
28 duties, and immunities, and are entitled to the emoluments, including
29 travel expenses, of the commission.

30 The commission shall prepare or determine the nature of the
31 examinations for applicants to practice dentistry.

32 The attorney general shall advise the commission and represent it
33 in all legal proceedings.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 208.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 Each member of the commission shall be compensated in accordance
37 with RCW 43.03.240. Members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses

1 incurred in the actual performance of their duties, as provided in RCW
2 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Commission members shall be compensated and
3 reimbursed for their activities in developing or administering a
4 multistate licensing examination, as provided in this chapter.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 209.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The commission may contract with competent persons on a temporary
8 basis to assist in developing or administering examinations for
9 licensure.

10 The commission may enter into compacts and agreements with other
11 states and with organizations formed by several states, for the purpose
12 of conducting multistate licensing examinations. The commission may
13 enter into the compacts and agreements even though they would result in
14 the examination of a candidate for a license in this state by an
15 examiner or examiners from another state or states, and even though the
16 compacts and agreements would result in the examination of a candidate
17 or candidates for a license in another state or states by an examiner
18 or examiners from this state.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 210.** A new section is added to chapter 18.32
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 The commission may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW
22 to implement this chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW.

23 **Sec. 211.** RCW 18.32.040 and 1991 c 3 s 61 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The ((board)) commission shall require that every applicant for a
26 license to practice dentistry shall:

27 (1) Present satisfactory evidence of graduation from a dental
28 college, school, or dental department of an institution approved by the
29 ((board)) commission;

30 (2) Submit, for the files of the ((board)) commission, a recent
31 picture duly identified and attested; and

32 (3) Pass an examination prepared or approved by and administered
33 under the direction of the ((board)) commission. The dentistry
34 licensing examination shall consist of practical and written tests upon
35 such subjects and of such scope as the ((board)) commission determines.
36 The ((board)) commission may accept, in lieu of all or part of a

1 written examination, a certificate granted by a national or regional
2 testing organization approved by the ((board)) commission. The
3 ((board)) commission shall set the standards for passing the
4 examination. The secretary shall keep on file the examination papers
5 and records of examination for at least one year. This file shall be
6 open for inspection by the applicant or the applicant's agent unless
7 the disclosure will compromise the examination process as determined by
8 the ((board)) commission or is exempted from disclosure under RCW
9 42.17.250 through 42.17.340.

10 **Sec. 212.** RCW 18.32.050 and 1984 c 287 s 30 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 ~~((The members of the board shall each be compensated in accordance
13 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred
14 in attending the meetings of the board in accordance with RCW 43.03.050
15 and 43.03.060.—Board))~~ Commission members shall be compensated and
16 reimbursed pursuant to this section for their activities in
17 administering a multi-state licensing examination pursuant to the
18 ((board's)) commission's compact or agreement with another state or
19 states or with organizations formed by several states(~~(:—PROVIDED,
20 That any)~~). Compensation or reimbursement received by a ((board))
21 commission member from another state, or organization formed by several
22 states, for such member's services in administering a multi-state
23 licensing examination, shall be deposited in the state general fund.

24 **Sec. 213.** RCW 18.32.100 and 1991 c 3 s 62 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 The applicant for a dentistry license shall file an application on
27 a form furnished by the secretary, stating the applicant's name, age,
28 place of residence, the name of the school or schools attended by the
29 applicant, the period of such attendance, the date of the applicant's
30 graduation, whether the applicant has ever been the subject of any
31 disciplinary action related to the practice of dentistry, and shall
32 include a statement of all of the applicant's dental activities. This
33 shall include any other information deemed necessary by the ((board))
34 commission.

35 The application shall be signed by the applicant and sworn to by
36 the applicant before some person authorized to administer oaths, and

1 shall be accompanied by proof of the applicant's school attendance and
2 graduation.

3 **Sec. 214.** RCW 18.32.120 and 1991 c 3 s 64 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 When the application and the accompanying proof are found
6 satisfactory, the secretary shall notify the applicant to appear before
7 the ((board)) commission at a time and place to be fixed by the
8 ((board)) commission.

9 The examination papers, and all grading thereon, and the grading of
10 the practical work, shall be preserved for a period of not less than
11 one year after the ((board)) commission has made and published its
12 decisions thereon. All examinations shall be conducted by the
13 ((board)) commission under fair and wholly impartial methods.

14 Any applicant who fails to make the required grade by his or her
15 fourth examination may be reexamined only under rules adopted by the
16 ((board)) commission.

17 Applicants for examination or reexamination shall pay a fee as
18 determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250.

19 **Sec. 215.** RCW 18.32.160 and 1991 c 3 s 65 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 All licenses issued by the secretary on behalf of the ((board))
22 commission shall be signed by the secretary or chairperson and
23 secretary of the ((board)) commission.

24 **Sec. 216.** RCW 18.32.180 and 1991 c 3 s 67 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) Every person licensed to practice dentistry in this state shall
27 register with the secretary, and pay a renewal registration fee
28 determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250. Any failure
29 to register and pay the renewal registration fee renders the license
30 invalid, and the practice of dentistry shall not be permitted. The
31 license shall be reinstated upon written application to the secretary
32 and payment to the state of a penalty fee determined by the secretary
33 as provided in RCW 43.70.250, together with all delinquent license
34 renewal fees.

35 (2) A person who fails to renew the license for a period of three
36 years may not renew the license under subsection (1) of this section.

1 In order to obtain a license to practice dentistry in this state, such
2 a person shall file an original application as provided for in this
3 chapter, along with the requisite fees. The ((board)) commission, in
4 its sole discretion, may permit the applicant to be licensed without
5 examination, and with or without conditions, if it is satisfied that
6 the applicant meets all the requirements for licensure in this state
7 and is competent to engage in the practice of dentistry.

8 **Sec. 217.** RCW 18.32.190 and 1991 c 3 s 68 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 Every person who engages in the practice of dentistry in this state
11 shall cause his or her license to be, at all times, displayed in a
12 conspicuous place, in his or her office wherein he or she shall
13 practice such profession, and shall further, whenever requested,
14 exhibit such license to any of the members of ((said board)) the
15 commission, or its authorized agent, and to the secretary or his or her
16 authorized agent. Every licensee shall notify the secretary of the
17 address or addresses, and of every change thereof, where the licensee
18 shall engage in the practice of dentistry.

19 **Sec. 218.** RCW 18.32.195 and 1992 c 59 s 1 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 The ((board)) commission may, without examination, issue a license
22 to persons who possess the qualifications set forth in this section.

23 (1) The ((board)) commission may, upon written request of the dean
24 of the school of dentistry of the University of Washington, issue a
25 license to practice dentistry in this state to persons who have been
26 licensed or otherwise authorized to practice dentistry in another state
27 or country and who have been accepted for employment by the school of
28 dentistry as full-time faculty members. For purposes of this
29 subsection, this means teaching members of the faculty of the school of
30 dentistry of the University of Washington who are so employed on a one
31 hundred percent of work time basis. Such license shall permit the
32 holder thereof to practice dentistry within the confines of the
33 university facilities for a period of one year while he or she is so
34 employed as a full-time faculty member by the school of dentistry of
35 the University of Washington. It shall terminate whenever the holder
36 ceases to be such a full-time faculty member. Such license shall
37 permit the holder thereof to practice dentistry only in connection with

1 his or her duties in employment with the school of dentistry of the
2 University of Washington. This limitation shall be stated on the
3 license.

4 (2) The (~~board~~) commission may, upon written request of the dean
5 of the school of dentistry of the University of Washington, issue a
6 limited license to practice dentistry in this state to university
7 residents in postgraduate dental education. The license shall permit
8 the resident dentist to provide dental care only in connection with his
9 or her duties as a university resident.

10 (3) The (~~board~~) commission may condition the granting of a
11 license under this section with terms the (~~board~~) commission deems
12 appropriate. All persons licensed under this section shall be subject
13 to the jurisdiction of the (~~dental disciplinary board~~) commission to
14 the same extent as other members of the dental profession, in
15 accordance with this chapter, and in addition the licensee may be
16 disciplined by the (~~dental disciplinary board~~) commission after a
17 hearing has been held in accordance with the provisions set forth in
18 this chapter, and determination by the (~~dental disciplinary board~~)
19 commission that such licensee has violated any of the restrictions set
20 forth in this section.

21 (4) Persons applying for licensure pursuant to this section shall
22 pay the application fee determined by the secretary and, in the event
23 the license applied for is issued, a license fee at the rate provided
24 for licenses generally. After review by the (~~board of dental~~
25 ~~examiners~~) commission, licenses issued under this section may be
26 renewed annually if the licensee continues to be employed as a full-
27 time faculty member of the school of dentistry of the University of
28 Washington, or a university resident in postgraduate dental education,
29 and otherwise meets the requirements of the provisions and conditions
30 deemed appropriate by the (~~board of dental examiners~~) commission.
31 Any person who obtains a license pursuant to this section may, without
32 an additional application fee, apply for licensure under this chapter,
33 in which case the applicant shall be subject to examination and the
34 other requirements of this chapter.

35 **Sec. 219.** RCW 18.32.215 and 1989 c 202 s 30 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 An applicant holding a valid license and currently engaged in
38 practice in another state may be granted a license without examination

1 required by this chapter, on the payment of any required fees, if the
2 ((board)) commission determines that the other state's licensing
3 standards are substantively equivalent to the standards in this
4 state(~~(:—PROVIDED, That)~~). The ((board)) commission may also require
5 the applicant to: (1) File with the ((board)) commission documentation
6 certifying the applicant is licensed to practice in another state; and
7 (2) provide information as the ((board)) commission deems necessary
8 pertaining to the conditions and criteria of the Uniform Disciplinary
9 Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, and to demonstrate to the ((board)) commission
10 a knowledge of Washington law pertaining to the practice of dentistry.

11 **Sec. 220.** RCW 18.32.534 and 1991 c 3 s 72 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) To implement an impaired dentist program as authorized by RCW
14 18.130.175, the (~~(dental disciplinary board)~~) commission shall enter
15 into a contract with a voluntary substance abuse monitoring program.
16 The impaired dentist program may include any or all of the following:

- 17 (a) Contracting with providers of treatment programs;
- 18 (b) Receiving and evaluating reports of suspected impairment from
19 any source;
- 20 (c) Intervening in cases of verified impairment;
- 21 (d) Referring impaired dentists to treatment programs;
- 22 (e) Monitoring the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired
23 dentists including those ordered by the ((board)) commission;
- 24 (f) Providing education, prevention of impairment, posttreatment
25 monitoring, and support of rehabilitated impaired dentists; and
- 26 (g) Performing other related activities as determined by the
27 ((board)) commission.

28 (2) A contract entered into under subsection (1) of this section
29 shall be financed by a surcharge of up to fifteen dollars on each
30 license issuance or renewal to be collected by the department of health
31 from every dentist licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW. These moneys
32 shall be placed in the health professions account to be used solely for
33 the implementation of the impaired dentist program.

34 **Sec. 221.** RCW 18.32.640 and 1988 c 217 s 1 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) The ((board)) commission may adopt(~~(, amend, and rescind)~~) such
37 rules as it deems necessary to carry out this chapter.

1 (2) The (~~board~~) commission may adopt rules governing
2 administration of sedation and general anesthesia by persons licensed
3 under this chapter, including necessary training, education, equipment,
4 and the issuance of any permits, certificates, or registration as
5 required.

6 **Sec. 222.** RCW 18.32.655 and 1986 c 259 s 35 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The (~~dental disciplinary board has the power and it shall be its~~
9 ~~duty to~~) commission shall:

10 (1) Require licensed dentists to keep and maintain a copy of each
11 laboratory referral instruction, describing detailed services rendered,
12 for a period to be determined by the (~~board~~) commission but not more
13 than three years, and (~~to~~) may require the production of all such
14 records for examination by the (~~board~~) commission or its authorized
15 representatives; and

16 (2) (~~Promulgate~~) Adopt reasonable rules (~~and regulations~~)
17 requiring licensed dentists to make, maintain, and produce for
18 examination by the (~~board~~) commission or its authorized
19 representatives such other records as may be reasonable and proper in
20 the performance of its duties and enforcing the provisions of this
21 chapter.

22 **Sec. 223.** RCW 18.32.665 and 1986 c 259 s 36 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to
25 publish, directly or indirectly, or circulate any fraudulent, false, or
26 misleading statements within the state of Washington as to the skill or
27 method of practice of any person or operator; or in any way to
28 advertise in print any matter with a view of deceiving the public, or
29 in any way that will tend to deceive or defraud the public; or to claim
30 superiority over neighboring dental practitioners; or to publish
31 reports of cases or certificates of same in any public advertising
32 media; or to advertise as using any anesthetic, drug, formula,
33 medicine, which is either falsely advertised or misnamed; or to employ
34 "capper" or "steerers" to obtain patronage; and any person committing
35 any offense against any of the provisions of this section shall, upon
36 conviction, be subjected to such penalties as are provided in this
37 chapter: PROVIDED, That any person licensed under this chapter may

1 announce credit, terms of credit or installment payments that may be
2 made at periodical intervals to apply on account of any dental service
3 rendered. The (~~dental disciplinary board~~) commission may adopt such
4 rules as are necessary to carry out the intent of this section.

5 **Sec. 224.** RCW 18.32.745 and 1991 c 3 s 73 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 No manager, proprietor, partnership, or association owning,
8 operating, or controlling any room, office, or dental parlors, where
9 dental work is done, provided, or contracted for, shall employ or
10 retain any unlicensed person or dentist as an operator; nor shall fail,
11 within ten days after demand made by the secretary of health(~~()~~) or
12 the (~~state board of dental examiners, or the dental disciplinary~~
13 ~~board~~) commission in writing sent by certified mail, addressed to any
14 such manager, proprietor, partnership, or association at (~~said~~) the
15 room, office, or dental parlor, to furnish the secretary of health(~~()~~)
16 or the (~~state board of dental examiners, or the dental disciplinary~~
17 ~~board~~) commission with the names and addresses of all persons
18 practicing or assisting in the practice of dentistry in his or her
19 place of business or under his or her control, together with a sworn
20 statement showing by what license or authority (~~said~~) the persons are
21 practicing dentistry.

22 The sworn statement shall not be used as evidence in any subsequent
23 court proceedings, except in a prosecution for perjury connected with
24 its execution.

25 Any violation of the provisions of this section (~~shall~~
26 ~~constitute~~) is improper, unprofessional, and dishonorable conduct; it
27 (~~shall~~) also (~~constitute~~) is grounds for injunction proceedings as
28 provided by this chapter, and in addition (~~shall constitute~~) is a
29 gross misdemeanor, except that the failure to furnish the information
30 as may be requested in accordance with this section (~~shall~~
31 ~~constitute~~) is a misdemeanor.

32 **Sec. 225.** RCW 18.32.755 and 1986 c 259 s 37 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 Any advertisement or announcement for dental services must include
35 for each office location advertised the names of all persons practicing
36 dentistry at that office location.

1 Any violation of the provisions of this section (~~shall~~
2 ~~constitute~~) is improper, unprofessional, and dishonorable conduct; it
3 (~~shall~~) also (~~constitute~~) is grounds for injunction proceedings as
4 provided by RCW 18.130.190(~~(+2)~~) (4), and in addition (~~shall~~
5 ~~constitute~~) is a gross misdemeanor.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 226. A new section is added to chapter 18.32
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The commission is the successor in interest of the board of dental
9 examiners and the dental disciplinary board. All contracts,
10 undertakings, agreements, rules, regulations, and policies continue in
11 full force and effect on the effective date of this act, unless
12 otherwise repealed or rejected by chapter ..., Laws of 1994 (this act)
13 or by the commission.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 227. The following acts or parts of acts are
15 each repealed:

16 (1) RCW 18.32.035 and 1989 c 202 s 14, 1984 c 279 s 50, 1979 c 38
17 s 1, 1975 c 49 s 1, 1953 c 93 s 2, 1941 c 92 s 1, & 1935 c 112 s 2;

18 (2) RCW 18.32.037 and 1991 c 3 s 60, 1989 c 202 s 15, & 1935 c 112
19 s 3;

20 (3) RCW 18.32.042 and 1989 c 202 s 28;

21 (4) RCW 18.32.500 and 1989 c 202 s 24, 1986 c 259 s 39, & 1977
22 ex.s. c 5 s 37;

23 (5) RCW 18.32.510 and 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 1;

24 (6) RCW 18.32.520 and 1991 c 3 s 71, 1989 c 202 s 25, 1986 c 259 s
25 40, 1979 c 158 s 36, & 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 2;

26 (7) RCW 18.32.560 and 1984 c 279 s 51 & 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 6;

27 (8) RCW 18.32.570 and 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 7;

28 (9) RCW 18.32.580 and 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 8;

29 (10) RCW 18.32.590 and 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 9;

30 (11) RCW 18.32.600 and 1984 c 287 s 31 & 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 10;

31 (12) RCW 18.32.610 and 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 11; and

32 (13) RCW 18.32.620 and 1984 c 279 s 62 & 1977 ex.s. c 5 s 12.

33 **MEDICAL**

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 301. A new section is added to chapter 18.71
35 RCW to read as follows:

1 It is the purpose of the medical quality assurance commission to
2 regulate the competency and quality of professional health care
3 providers under its jurisdiction by establishing, monitoring, and
4 enforcing qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of
5 practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules,
6 policies, and procedures developed by the commission must promote the
7 delivery of quality health care to the residents of the state of
8 Washington.

9 **Sec. 302.** RCW 18.71.010 and 1991 c 3 s 158 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The following terms used in this chapter shall have the meanings
12 set forth in this section unless the context clearly indicates
13 otherwise:

14 (1) (~~("Board" means the board of medical examiners)~~) "Commission"
15 means the Washington state medical quality assurance commission.

16 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

17 (3) "Resident physician" means an individual who has graduated from
18 a school of medicine which meets the requirements set forth in RCW
19 18.71.055 and is serving a period of postgraduate clinical medical
20 training sponsored by a college or university in this state or by a
21 hospital accredited by this state. For purposes of this chapter, the
22 term shall include individuals designated as intern or medical fellow.

23 (4) "Emergency medical care" or "emergency medical service" has the
24 same meaning as in chapter 18.73 RCW.

25 **Sec. 303.** RCW 18.71.015 and 1991 c 44 s 1 and 1991 c 3 s 159 are
26 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 (~~(There is hereby created a board of medical examiners consisting~~
28 ~~of six individuals licensed to practice medicine in the state of~~
29 ~~Washington, one individual who is licensed as a physician assistant~~
30 ~~under chapter 18.71A RCW, and two individuals who are not physicians,~~
31 ~~to be known as the Washington state board of medical examiners.)) The
32 Washington state medical quality assurance commission is established,
33 consisting of thirteen individuals licensed to practice medicine in the
34 state of Washington under this chapter, two individuals who are
35 licensed as physician assistants under chapter 18.71A RCW, and four
36 individuals who are members of the public. Each congressional district
37 now existing or hereafter created in the state must be represented by~~

1 at least one physician member of the commission. The terms of office
2 of members of the commission are not affected by changes in
3 congressional district boundaries. Public members of the commission
4 may not be a member of any other health care licensing board or
5 commission, or have a fiduciary obligation to a facility rendering
6 health services regulated by the commission, or have a material or
7 financial interest in the rendering of health services regulated by the
8 commission.

9 The ~~((board))~~ members of the commission shall be appointed by the
10 governor. ~~((On expiration of the term of any member, the governor~~
11 ~~shall appoint for a period of five years an individual of similar~~
12 ~~qualifications to take the place of such member.))~~ Members of the
13 initial commission may be appointed to staggered terms of one to four
14 years, and thereafter all terms of appointment shall be for four years.
15 The governor shall consider such physician and physician assistant
16 members who are recommended for appointment by the appropriate
17 professional associations in the state. In appointing the initial
18 members of the commission, it is the intent of the legislature that, to
19 the extent possible, the existing members of the board of medical
20 examiners and medical disciplinary board repealed under section 336,
21 chapter . . . , Laws of 1994 (this act) be appointed to the commission.
22 No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms. Each member
23 shall hold office until ((the expiration of the term for which such
24 member is appointed or until)) a successor ((shall have been)) is
25 appointed ((and shall have qualified)).

26 Each member of the ~~((board shall))~~ commission must be a citizen of
27 the United States, must be an actual resident of this state, and, if a
28 physician, must have been licensed to practice medicine in this state
29 for at least five years.

30 The ~~((board))~~ commission shall meet as soon as practicable after
31 appointment and elect ~~((a chair and, a vice chair from its members))~~
32 officers each year. Meetings shall be held at least four times a year
33 and at such place as the ((board shall)) commission determines and at
34 such other times and places as the ((board)) commission deems
35 necessary. A majority of the ((board)) commission members appointed
36 and serving ((shall)) constitutes a quorum for the transaction of
37 ((board)) commission business.

38 ~~((It shall require))~~ The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum
39 of the ((board)) commission is required to carry any motion or

1 resolution, to adopt any rule, or to pass any measure. The commission
2 may appoint panels consisting of at least three members. A quorum for
3 the transaction of any business by a panel is a minimum of three
4 members. A majority vote of ((the members appointed to a panel of the
5 board shall constitute)) a quorum ((for)) of the panel is required to
6 transact business delegated to it by the ((board)) commission.

7 Each member of the ((board)) commission shall be compensated in
8 accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and in addition thereto shall be
9 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of
10 the ((board)) commission in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
11 43.03.060. Any such expenses shall be paid from funds appropriated to
12 the department of health.

13 ~~((Any member of the board may be removed by the governor for))~~
14 Whenever the governor is satisfied that a member of a commission has
15 been guilty of neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance or
16 misfeasance in office, the governor shall file with the secretary of
17 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from
18 office, and the secretary shall forthwith send a certified copy of the
19 statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post office
20 address of the member.

21 Vacancies in the membership of the ((board)) commission shall be
22 filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor.

23 The members of the commission are immune from suit in an action,
24 civil or criminal, based on its disciplinary proceedings or other
25 official acts performed in good faith as members of the commission.

26 Whenever the workload of the commission requires, the commission
27 may request that the secretary appoint pro tempore members of the
28 commission. When serving, pro tempore members of the commission have
29 all of the powers, duties, and immunities, and are entitled to all of
30 the emoluments, including travel expenses, of regularly appointed
31 members of the commission.

32 **Sec. 304.** RCW 18.71.017 and 1961 c 284 s 11 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 The board may ((make)) adopt such rules ((and regulations)) as are
35 not inconsistent with the laws of this state as may be determined
36 necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The
37 commission is the successor in interest of the board of medical
38 examiners and the medical disciplinary board. All contracts,

1 undertakings, agreements, rules, regulations, and policies continue in
2 full force and effect on the effective date of this act, unless
3 otherwise repealed or rejected by this chapter or by the commission.

4 **Sec. 305.** RCW 18.71.019 and 1987 c 150 s 45 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs
7 unlicensed practice and the issuance and denial of licenses and
8 discipline of licensees under this chapter.

9 **Sec. 306.** RCW 18.71.030 and 1990 c 196 s 12 and 1990 c 33 s 552
10 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

11 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to apply to or interfere
12 in any way with the practice of religion or any kind of treatment by
13 prayer; nor shall anything in this chapter be construed to prohibit:

14 (1) The furnishing of medical assistance in cases of emergency
15 requiring immediate attention;

16 (2) The domestic administration of family remedies;

17 (3) The administration of oral medication of any nature to students
18 by public school district employees or private elementary or secondary
19 school employees as provided for in chapter 28A.210 RCW;

20 (4) The practice of dentistry, osteopathy, osteopathy and surgery,
21 nursing, chiropractic, (~~podiatry~~) podiatric medicine and surgery,
22 optometry, naturopathy, or any other healing art licensed under the
23 methods or means permitted by such license;

24 (5) The practice of medicine in this state by any commissioned
25 medical officer serving in the armed forces of the United States or
26 public health service or any medical officer on duty with the United
27 States veterans administration while such medical officer is engaged in
28 the performance of the duties prescribed for him or her by the laws and
29 regulations of the United States;

30 (6) The practice of medicine by any practitioner licensed by
31 another state or territory in which he or she resides, provided that
32 such practitioner shall not open an office or appoint a place of
33 meeting patients or receiving calls within this state;

34 (7) The practice of medicine by a person who is a regular student
35 in a school of medicine approved and accredited by the (~~board~~)
36 commission, however, the performance of such services be only pursuant
37 to a regular course of instruction or assignments from his or her

1 instructor, or that such services are performed only under the
2 supervision and control of a person licensed pursuant to this chapter;

3 (8) The practice of medicine by a person serving a period of
4 postgraduate medical training in a program of clinical medical training
5 sponsored by a college or university in this state or by a hospital
6 accredited in this state, however, the performance of such services
7 shall be only pursuant to his or her duties as a trainee;

8 (9) The practice of medicine by a person who is regularly enrolled
9 in a physician assistant program approved by the (~~board~~) commission,
10 however, the performance of such services (~~shall~~) shall be only
11 pursuant to a regular course of instruction in said program and such
12 services are performed only under the supervision and control of a
13 person licensed pursuant to this chapter;

14 (10) The practice of medicine by a licensed physician assistant
15 which practice is performed under the supervision and control of a
16 physician licensed pursuant to this chapter;

17 (11) The practice of medicine, in any part of this state which
18 shares a common border with Canada and which is surrounded on three
19 sides by water, by a physician licensed to practice medicine and
20 surgery in Canada or any province or territory thereof;

21 (12) The administration of nondental anesthesia by a dentist who
22 has completed a residency in anesthesiology at a school of medicine
23 approved by the (~~board of medical examiners~~) commission, however, a
24 dentist allowed to administer nondental anesthesia shall do so only
25 under authorization of the patient's attending surgeon, obstetrician,
26 or psychiatrist, and the (~~medical disciplinary board shall have~~)
27 commission has jurisdiction to discipline a dentist practicing under
28 this exemption and enjoin or suspend such dentist from the practice of
29 nondental anesthesia according to (~~the provisions of chapter 18.72~~
30 RCW) this chapter and chapter 18.130 RCW;

31 (13) Emergency lifesaving service rendered by a physician's trained
32 mobile intravenous therapy technician, by a physician's trained mobile
33 airway management technician, or by a physician's trained mobile
34 intensive care paramedic, as defined in RCW 18.71.200, if the emergency
35 lifesaving service is rendered under the responsible supervision and
36 control of a licensed physician;

37 (14) The provision of clean, intermittent bladder catheterization
38 for students by public school district employees or private school

1 employees as provided for in RCW ((18.88.295)) 18.---.--- (section 429
2 of this act) and 28A.210.280.

3 **Sec. 307.** RCW 18.71.050 and 1991 c 3 s 161 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Each applicant who has graduated from a school of medicine
6 located in any state, territory, or possession of the United States,
7 the District of Columbia, or the Dominion of Canada, shall file an
8 application for licensure with the ((board)) commission on a form
9 prepared by the secretary with the approval of the ((board))
10 commission. Each applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the
11 ((board)) commission of the following:

12 (a) That the applicant has attended and graduated from a school of
13 medicine approved by the ((board)) commission;

14 (b) That the applicant has completed two years of postgraduate
15 medical training in a program acceptable to the ((board)) commission,
16 provided that applicants graduating before July 28, 1985, may complete
17 only one year of postgraduate medical training;

18 (c) That the applicant is of good moral character; and

19 (d) That the applicant is physically and mentally capable of safely
20 carrying on the practice of medicine. The ((board)) commission may
21 require any applicant to submit to such examination or examinations as
22 it deems necessary to determine an applicant's physical and/or mental
23 capability to safely practice medicine.

24 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the
25 ((board)) commission from requiring such additional information from
26 applicants as it deems necessary. The issuance and denial of licenses
27 are subject to chapter 18.130 RCW, the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

28 **Sec. 308.** RCW 18.71.051 and 1991 c 3 s 162 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 Applicants for licensure to practice medicine who have graduated
31 from a school of medicine located outside of the states, territories,
32 and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the
33 Dominion of Canada, shall file an application for licensure with the
34 ((board)) commission on a form prepared by the secretary with the
35 approval of the ((board)) commission. Each applicant shall furnish
36 proof satisfactory to the ((board)) commission of the following:

1 (1) That he or she has completed in a school of medicine a resident
2 course of professional instruction equivalent to that required in this
3 chapter for applicants generally;

4 (2) That he or she meets all the requirements which must be met by
5 graduates of the United States and Canadian school of medicine except
6 that he or she need not have graduated from a school of medicine
7 approved by the ((~~board~~)) commission;

8 (3) That he or she has satisfactorily passed the examination given
9 by the educational council for foreign medical graduates or has met the
10 requirements in lieu thereof as set forth in rules ((~~and regulations~~))
11 adopted by the ((~~board~~)) commission;

12 (4) That he or she has the ability to read, write, speak,
13 understand, and be understood in the English language.

14 **Sec. 309.** RCW 18.71.055 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 171 s 8 are each
15 amended to read as follows:

16 The ((~~board~~)) commission may approve any school of medicine which
17 is located in any state, territory, or possession of the United States,
18 the District of Columbia, or in the Dominion of Canada, provided that
19 it:

20 (1) Requires collegiate instruction which includes courses deemed
21 by the ((~~board~~)) commission to be prerequisites to medical education;

22 (2) Provides adequate instruction in the following subjects:
23 Anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology and immunology, pathology,
24 pharmacology, physiology, anaesthesiology, dermatology, gynecology,
25 internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics, ((~~ophthalmology~~))
26 ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, pediatrics, physical
27 medicine and rehabilitation, preventive medicine and public health,
28 psychiatry, radiology, surgery, and urology, and such other subjects
29 determined by the ((~~board~~)) commission;

30 (3) Provides clinical instruction in hospital wards and out-patient
31 clinics under guidance.

32 Approval may be withdrawn by the ((~~board~~)) commission at any time
33 a medical school ceases to comply with one or more of the requirements
34 of this section.

35 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the
36 ((~~board~~)) commission to approve a school of osteopathy, osteopathy and
37 surgery, or osteopathic medicine, for purposes of qualifying an

1 applicant to be licensed under this chapter by direct licensure,
2 reciprocity, or otherwise.

3 **Sec. 310.** RCW 18.71.060 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 171 s 9 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 ((Said board)) The commission shall keep an official record of all
6 its proceedings, a part of which record shall consist of a register of
7 all applicants for licensure under this chapter, with the result of
8 each application. ((Said)) The record shall be evidence of all the
9 proceedings of ((said board which)) the commission that are set forth
10 ((therein)) in it.

11 **Sec. 311.** RCW 18.71.070 and 1985 c 322 s 3 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 With the exception of those applicants granted licensure through
14 the provisions of RCW 18.71.090 or 18.71.095, applicants for licensure
15 must successfully complete an examination administered by the ((board))
16 commission to determine their professional qualifications. The
17 ((board)) commission shall prepare and give, or approve the preparation
18 and giving of, an examination which shall cover those general subjects
19 and topics, a knowledge of which is commonly and generally required of
20 candidates for the degree of doctor of medicine conferred by approved
21 colleges or schools of medicine in the United States. Notwithstanding
22 any other provision of law, the ((board shall have)) commission has the
23 sole responsibility for determining the proficiency of applicants under
24 this chapter, and, in so doing, may waive any prerequisite to licensure
25 not set forth in this chapter.

26 The ((board)) commission may by rule establish the passing grade
27 for the examination.

28 Examination results shall be part of the records of the ((board))
29 commission and shall be permanently kept with the applicant's file.

30 **Sec. 312.** RCW 18.71.080 and 1991 c 195 s 1 and 1991 c 3 s 163 are
31 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

32 Every person licensed to practice medicine in this state shall
33 register with the secretary of health annually, and pay an annual
34 renewal registration fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW
35 43.70.250. The ((board)) commission may establish rules governing
36 mandatory continuing education requirements which shall be met by

1 physicians applying for renewal of licenses. The rules ((and
2 regulations)) shall provide that mandatory continuing education
3 requirements may be met in part by physicians showing evidence of the
4 completion of approved activities relating to professional liability
5 risk management. Any failure to register and pay the annual renewal
6 registration fee shall render the license invalid, but such license
7 shall be reinstated upon written application therefor to the secretary,
8 and payment to the state of a penalty fee determined by the secretary
9 as provided in RCW 43.70.250, together with all delinquent annual
10 license renewal fees: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any person who fails to
11 renew the license for a period of three years, shall in no event be
12 entitled to renew the license under this section. Such a person in
13 order to obtain a license to practice medicine in this state, shall
14 file an original application as provided for in this chapter, along
15 with the requisite fee therefor. The ((board)) commission, in its sole
16 discretion, may permit such applicant to be licensed without
17 examination if it is satisfied that such applicant meets all the
18 requirements for licensure in this state, and is competent to engage in
19 the practice of medicine.

20 **Sec. 313.** RCW 18.71.085 and 1991 c 44 s 2 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 The ((board)) commission may adopt rules pursuant to this section
23 authorizing an inactive license status.

24 (1) An individual licensed pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW may place
25 his or her license on inactive status. The holder of an inactive
26 license shall not practice medicine and surgery in this state without
27 first activating the license.

28 (2) The inactive renewal fee shall be established by the secretary
29 pursuant to RCW 43.70.250. Failure to renew an inactive license shall
30 result in cancellation in the same manner as an active license.

31 (3) An inactive license may be placed in an active status upon
32 compliance with rules established by the ((board)) commission.

33 (4) Provisions relating to disciplinary action against a person
34 with a license shall be applicable to a person with an inactive
35 license, except that when disciplinary proceedings against a person
36 with an inactive license have been initiated, the license shall remain
37 inactive until the proceedings have been completed.

1 **Sec. 314.** RCW 18.71.090 and 1985 c 322 s 5 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Any applicant who meets the requirements of RCW 18.71.050 and has
4 been licensed under the laws of another state, territory, or possession
5 of the United States, or of any province of Canada, or an applicant who
6 has satisfactorily passed examinations given by the national board of
7 medical examiners may, in the discretion of the ((board)) commission,
8 be granted a license without examination on the payment of the fees
9 required by this chapter: PROVIDED, That the applicant must file with
10 the ((board)) commission a copy of the license certified by the proper
11 authorities of the issuing state to be a full, true copy thereof, and
12 must show that the standards, eligibility requirements, and
13 examinations of that state are at least equal in all respects to those
14 of this state.

15 **Sec. 315.** RCW 18.71.095 and 1991 c 3 s 164 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The ((board)) commission may, without examination, issue a limited
18 license to persons who possess the qualifications set forth herein:

19 (1) The ((board)) commission may, upon the written request of the
20 secretary of the department of social and health services or the
21 secretary of corrections, issue a limited license to practice medicine
22 in this state to persons who have been accepted for employment by the
23 department of social and health services or the department of
24 corrections as physicians; who are licensed to practice medicine in
25 another state of the United States or in the country of Canada or any
26 province or territory thereof; and who meet all of the qualifications
27 for licensure set forth in RCW 18.71.050.

28 Such license shall permit the holder thereof to practice medicine
29 only in connection with patients, residents, or inmates of the state
30 institutions under the control and supervision of the secretary of the
31 department of social and health services or the department of
32 corrections.

33 (2) The ((board)) commission may issue a limited license to
34 practice medicine in this state to persons who have been accepted for
35 employment by a county or city health department as physicians; who are
36 licensed to practice medicine in another state of the United States or
37 in the country of Canada or any province or territory thereof; and who

1 meet all of the qualifications for licensure set forth in RCW
2 18.71.050.

3 Such license shall permit the holder thereof to practice medicine
4 only in connection with his or her duties in employment with the city
5 or county health department.

6 (3) Upon receipt of a completed application showing that the
7 applicant meets all of the requirements for licensure set forth in RCW
8 18.71.050 except for completion of two years of postgraduate medical
9 training, and that the applicant has been appointed as a resident
10 physician in a program of postgraduate clinical training in this state
11 approved by the ((~~board~~)) commission, the ((~~board~~)) commission may
12 issue a limited license to a resident physician. Such license shall
13 permit the resident physician to practice medicine only in connection
14 with his or her duties as a resident physician and shall not authorize
15 the physician to engage in any other form of practice. Each resident
16 physician shall practice medicine only under the supervision and
17 control of a physician licensed in this state, but such supervision and
18 control shall not be construed to necessarily require the personal
19 presence of the supervising physician at the place where services are
20 rendered.

21 (4)(a) Upon nomination by the dean of the school of medicine at the
22 University of Washington or the chief executive officer of a hospital
23 or other appropriate health care facility licensed in the state of
24 Washington, the ((~~board~~)) commission may issue a limited license to a
25 physician applicant invited to serve as a teaching-research member of
26 the institution's instructional staff if the sponsoring institution and
27 the applicant give evidence that he or she has graduated from a
28 recognized medical school and has been licensed or otherwise privileged
29 to practice medicine at his or her location of origin. Such license
30 shall permit the recipient to practice medicine only within the
31 confines of the instructional program specified in the application and
32 shall terminate whenever the holder ceases to be involved in that
33 program, or at the end of one year, whichever is earlier. Upon request
34 of the applicant and the institutional authority, the license may be
35 renewed for no more than a total of two years.

36 (b) Upon nomination by the dean of the school of medicine of the
37 University of Washington or the chief executive officer of any hospital
38 or appropriate health care facility licensed in the state of
39 Washington, the ((~~board~~)) commission may issue a limited license to an

1 applicant selected by the sponsoring institution to be enrolled in one
2 of its designated departmental or divisional fellowship programs
3 provided that the applicant shall have graduated from a recognized
4 medical school and has been granted a license or other appropriate
5 certificate to practice medicine in the location of the applicant's
6 origin. Such license shall permit the holder only to practice medicine
7 within the confines of the fellowship program to which he or she has
8 been appointed and, upon the request of the applicant and the
9 sponsoring institution, the license may be renewed by the (~~board~~)
10 commission for no more than a total of two years.

11 All persons licensed under this section shall be subject to the
12 jurisdiction of the (~~medical disciplinary board~~) commission to the
13 same extent as other members of the medical profession, in accordance
14 with this chapter and chapter(~~s 18.72 and~~) 18.130 RCW.

15 Persons applying for licensure pursuant to this section shall pay
16 an application fee determined by the secretary as provided in RCW
17 43.70.250 and, in the event the license applied for is issued, a
18 license fee at the rate provided for renewals of licenses generally.
19 Licenses issued hereunder may be renewed annually pursuant to the
20 provisions of RCW 18.71.080. Any person who obtains a limited license
21 pursuant to this section may, without an additional application fee,
22 apply for licensure under this chapter, but shall submit a new
23 application form and comply with all other licensing requirements of
24 this chapter.

25 **Sec. 316.** RCW 18.71.205 and 1992 c 128 s 1 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1) The secretary of the department of health, in conjunction with
28 the advice and assistance of the emergency medical services licensing
29 and certification advisory committee as prescribed in RCW 18.73.050,
30 and the (~~board of medical examiners~~) commission, shall prescribe:

31 (a) Minimum standards and performance requirements for the
32 certification and recertification of physician's trained intravenous
33 therapy technicians, airway management technicians, and mobile
34 intensive care paramedics; and

35 (b) Procedures for certification, recertification, and
36 decertification of physician's trained intravenous therapy technicians,
37 airway management technicians, and mobile intensive care paramedics.

38 (2) Initial certification shall be for a period of three years.

1 (3) Recertification shall be granted upon proof of continuing
2 satisfactory performance and education, and shall be for a period of
3 three years.

4 (4) As used in chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW, "approved medical
5 program director" means a person who:

6 (a) Is licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to
7 chapter 18.71 RCW or osteopathy and surgery pursuant to chapter 18.57
8 RCW; and

9 (b) Is qualified and knowledgeable in the administration and
10 management of emergency care and services; and

11 (c) Is so certified by the department of health for a county, group
12 of counties, or cities with populations over four hundred thousand in
13 coordination with the recommendations of the local medical community
14 and local emergency medical services and trauma care council.

15 (5) The Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs
16 uncertified practice, the issuance and denial of certificates, and the
17 disciplining of certificate holders under this section. The secretary
18 shall be the disciplining authority under this section. Disciplinary
19 action shall be initiated against a person credentialed under this
20 chapter in a manner consistent with the responsibilities and duties of
21 the medical program director under whom such person is responsible.

22 **Sec. 317.** RCW 18.71.230 and 1986 c 259 s 112 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 A right to practice medicine and surgery by an individual in this
25 state pursuant to RCW 18.71.030 (5) through (12) shall be subject to
26 discipline by order of the (~~board~~) commission upon a finding by the
27 (~~board~~) commission of an act of unprofessional conduct as defined in
28 RCW 18.130.180 or that the individual is unable to practice with
29 reasonable skill or safety due to a mental or physical condition as
30 described in RCW 18.130.170. Such physician shall have the same rights
31 of notice, hearing, and judicial review as provided licensed physicians
32 generally (~~pursuant to chapters 18.72 and~~) under this chapter and
33 chapter 18.130 RCW.

34 **Sec. 318.** RCW 18.71A.010 and 1990 c 196 s 1 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this
37 chapter.

1 (1) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed by the
2 (~~board~~) commission to practice medicine to a limited extent only
3 under the supervision of a physician as defined in chapter 18.71 RCW
4 and who is academically and clinically prepared to provide health care
5 services and perform diagnostic, therapeutic, preventative, and health
6 maintenance services.

7 (2) "~~(Board)~~ Commission" means the (~~board of medical examiners~~)
8 medical quality assurance commission.

9 (3) "Practice medicine" (~~shall have~~) has the meaning defined in
10 RCW 18.71.011.

11 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
12 designee.

13 (5) "Department" means the department of health.

14 **Sec. 319.** RCW 18.71A.020 and 1993 c 28 s 5 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The (~~board~~) commission shall adopt rules fixing the
17 qualifications and the educational and training requirements for
18 licensure as a physician assistant or for those enrolled in any
19 physician assistant training program. The requirements shall include
20 completion of an accredited physician assistant training program
21 approved by the (~~board~~) commission and eligibility to take an
22 examination approved by the (~~board, provided such~~) commission, if the
23 examination tests subjects substantially equivalent to the curriculum
24 of an accredited physician assistant training program. Physician
25 assistants licensed by the board of medical examiners as of June 7,
26 1990, shall continue to be licensed.

27 (2)(a) The (~~board~~) commission shall adopt rules governing the
28 extent to which:

29 (i) Physician assistant students may practice medicine during
30 training; and

31 (ii) Physician assistants may practice after successful completion
32 of a physician assistant training course.

33 (b) Such rules shall provide:

34 (i) That the practice of a physician assistant shall be limited to
35 the performance of those services for which he or she is trained; and

36 (ii) That each physician assistant shall practice medicine only
37 under the supervision and control of a physician licensed in this
38 state, but such supervision and control shall not be construed to

1 necessarily require the personal presence of the supervising physician
2 or physicians at the place where services are rendered.

3 (3) Applicants for licensure shall file an application with the
4 ((board)) commission on a form prepared by the secretary with the
5 approval of the ((board)) commission, detailing the education,
6 training, and experience of the physician assistant and such other
7 information as the ((board)) commission may require. The application
8 shall be accompanied by a fee determined by the secretary as provided
9 in RCW 43.70.250. Each applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to
10 the ((board)) commission of the following:

11 (a) That the applicant has completed an accredited physician
12 assistant program approved by the ((board)) commission and is eligible
13 to take the examination approved by the ((board)) commission;

14 (b) That the applicant is of good moral character; and

15 (c) That the applicant is physically and mentally capable of
16 practicing medicine as a physician assistant with reasonable skill and
17 safety. The ((board)) commission may require an applicant to submit to
18 such examination or examinations as it deems necessary to determine an
19 applicant's physical or mental capability, or both, to safely practice
20 as a physician assistant.

21 (4) The ((board)) commission may approve, deny, or take other
22 disciplinary action upon the application for license as provided in the
23 Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW. The license shall be
24 renewed on a periodic basis as determined by the secretary under RCW
25 43.70.280, upon payment of a fee determined by the secretary as
26 provided in RCW 43.70.250, and submission of a completed renewal
27 application, in addition to any late renewal penalty fees as determined
28 by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250. The ((board))
29 commission may authorize the use of alternative supervisors who are
30 licensed either under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.

31 **Sec. 320.** RCW 18.71A.030 and 1993 c 28 s 6 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 A physician assistant (~~as defined in this chapter~~) may practice
34 medicine in this state only with the approval of the practice
35 arrangement plan by the ((board)) commission and only to the extent
36 permitted by the ((board)) commission. A physician assistant who has
37 received a license but who has not received ((board)) commission
38 approval of the practice arrangement plan under RCW 18.71A.040 may not

1 practice. A physician assistant shall be subject to discipline under
2 chapter 18.130 RCW.

3 **Sec. 321.** RCW 18.71A.040 and 1993 c 28 s 7 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) No physician assistant practicing in this state shall be
6 employed or supervised by a physician or physician group without the
7 approval of the ~~((board))~~ commission.

8 (2) Prior to commencing practice, a physician assistant licensed in
9 this state shall apply to the ~~((board))~~ commission for permission to be
10 employed or supervised by a physician or physician group. The practice
11 arrangement plan shall be jointly submitted by the physician or
12 physician group and physician assistant. The secretary may charge a
13 fee as provided in RCW 43.70.250 to recover the cost for the plan
14 review. The practice arrangement plan shall delineate the manner and
15 extent to which the physician assistant would practice and be
16 supervised. Whenever a physician assistant is practicing in a manner
17 inconsistent with the approved practice arrangement plan, the medical
18 disciplinary board may take disciplinary action under chapter 18.130
19 RCW.

20 **Sec. 322.** RCW 18.71A.045 and 1988 c 113 s 2 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 Foreign medical school graduates shall not be eligible for
23 ~~((registration))~~ licensing as physician assistants after July 1, 1989.
24 ~~((Those applying on or before that date shall remain eligible to
25 register as a physician assistant after July 1, 1989: PROVIDED, That
26 the graduate does not violate chapter 18.130 RCW or the rules of the
27 board. The board shall adopt rules regarding applications for
28 registration. The rules shall include board approval of training as
29 required in RCW 18.71.051(1) and receipt of original translated
30 transcripts directly from the medical school.))~~

31 **Sec. 323.** RCW 18.71A.050 and 1993 c 28 s 8 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 No physician who supervises a licensed physician assistant in
34 accordance with and within the terms of any permission granted by the
35 ~~((medical examining board shall be))~~ commission is considered as aiding
36 and abetting an unlicensed person to practice medicine. The

1 supervising physician and physician assistant shall retain professional
2 and personal responsibility for any act which constitutes the practice
3 of medicine as defined in RCW 18.71.011 when performed by the physician
4 assistant.

5 **Sec. 324.** RCW 18.71A.060 and 1990 c 196 s 6 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 No health care services may be performed under this chapter in any
8 of the following areas:

9 (1) The measurement of the powers or range of human vision, or the
10 determination of the accommodation and refractive state of the human
11 eye or the scope of its functions in general, or the fitting or
12 adaptation of lenses or frames for the aid thereof.

13 (2) The prescribing or directing the use of, or using, any optical
14 device in connection with ocular exercises, visual training, vision
15 training, or orthoptics.

16 (3) The prescribing of contact lenses for, or the fitting or
17 adaptation of contact lenses to, the human eye.

18 (4) Nothing in this section shall preclude the performance of
19 routine visual screening.

20 (5) The practice of dentistry or dental hygiene as defined in
21 chapters 18.32 and 18.29 RCW respectively. The exemptions set forth in
22 RCW 18.32.030(~~(, paragraphs)~~) (1) and (8), shall not apply to a
23 physician assistant.

24 (6) The practice of chiropractic as defined in chapter 18.25 RCW
25 including the adjustment or manipulation of the articulations of the
26 spine.

27 (7) The practice of (~~podiatry~~) podiatric medicine and surgery as
28 defined in chapter 18.22 RCW.

29 **Sec. 325.** RCW 18.71A.085 and 1990 c 196 s 10 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 Any physician assistant acupuncturist currently licensed by the
32 (~~board~~) commission may continue to perform acupuncture under the
33 physician assistant license as long as he or she maintains licensure as
34 a physician assistant.

35 **Sec. 326.** RCW 18.72.155 and 1991 c 3 s 168 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 The secretary of the department of health shall appoint, from a
2 list of three names supplied by the (~~board~~) commission, an executive
3 (~~secretary~~) director who shall act to carry out the provisions of
4 this chapter. The secretary shall also employ such additional staff
5 including administrative assistants, investigators, and clerical staff
6 as are required to enable the (~~board~~) commission to accomplish its
7 duties and responsibilities. The executive (~~secretary shall be~~)
8 director is exempt from the provisions of the civil service law,
9 chapter 41.06 RCW, as now or hereafter amended.

10 **Sec. 327.** RCW 18.72.165 and 1986 c 300 s 5 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) A licensed health care professional licensed under this chapter
13 (~~18.71 RCW~~) shall report to the (~~medical disciplinary board~~)
14 commission when he or she has personal knowledge that a practicing
15 physician has either committed an act or acts which may constitute
16 statutorily defined unprofessional conduct or that a practicing
17 physician may be unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and
18 safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of
19 drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material, or as a
20 result of any mental or physical conditions.

21 (2) Reporting under this section is not required by:

22 (a) An appropriately appointed peer review committee member of a
23 licensed hospital or by an appropriately designated professional review
24 committee member of a county or state medical society during the
25 investigative phase of their respective operations if these
26 investigations are completed in a timely manner; or

27 (b) A treating licensed health care professional of a physician
28 currently involved in a treatment program as long as the physician
29 patient actively participates in the treatment program and the
30 physician patient's impairment does not constitute a clear and present
31 danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

32 (3) The (~~medical disciplinary board~~) commission may impose
33 disciplinary sanctions, including license suspension or revocation, on
34 any health care professional subject to the jurisdiction of the
35 (~~board~~) commission who has failed to comply with this section.

36 **Sec. 328.** RCW 18.72.265 and 1986 c 259 s 117 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 (1) The contents of any report file under RCW 18.130.070 shall be
2 confidential and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to chapter
3 42.17 RCW, except that it may be reviewed (a) by the licensee involved
4 or his or her counsel or authorized representative who may submit any
5 additional exculpatory or explanatory statements or other information,
6 which statements or other information shall be included in the file, or
7 (b) by a representative of the ((~~medical-disciplinary-board~~))
8 commission, or investigator thereof, who has been assigned to review
9 the activities of a licensed physician.

10 Upon a determination that a report is without merit, the
11 ((~~board's~~)) commission's records may be purged of information relating
12 to the report.

13 (2) Every individual, medical association, medical society,
14 hospital, medical service bureau, health insurance carrier or agent,
15 professional liability insurance carrier, professional standards review
16 organization, and agency of the federal, state, or local government
17 shall be immune from civil liability, whether direct or derivative, for
18 providing information to the ((~~board subsequent to~~)) commission under
19 RCW 18.130.070, or for which an individual health care provider has
20 immunity under the provisions of RCW 4.24.240, 4.24.250, or 4.24.260((~~-~~
21 ~~as now or hereafter amended~~)).

22 **Sec. 329.** RCW 18.72.301 and 1989 c 119 s 1 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
25 this section apply throughout RCW 18.72.306 through 18.72.321 (as
26 recodified by this act).

27 (1) ((~~"Board" means the medical disciplinary board of this state.~~
28 ~~(2)~~)) "Committee" means a nonprofit corporation formed by
29 physicians who have expertise in the areas of alcoholism, drug abuse,
30 or mental illness and who broadly represent the physicians of the state
31 and that has been designated to perform any or all of the activities
32 set forth in RCW 18.72.306(1) (as recodified by this act) pursuant to
33 rules adopted by the ((~~board~~)) commission under chapter 34.05 RCW.

34 ((~~(3)~~)) (2) "Impaired" or "impairment" means the presence of the
35 diseases of alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, or other
36 debilitating conditions.

37 ((~~(4)~~)) (3) "Impaired physician program" means the program for the
38 prevention, detection, intervention, and monitoring of impaired

1 physicians established by the ((~~board~~)) commission pursuant to RCW
2 18.72.306(1) (as recodified by this act).

3 ((~~+5~~)) (4) "Physician" means a person licensed under this chapter
4 ((~~18.71 RCW~~)).

5 ((~~+6~~)) (5) "Treatment program" means a plan of care and
6 rehabilitation services provided by those organizations or persons
7 authorized to provide such services to be approved by the ((~~board~~))
8 commission for impaired physicians taking part in the impaired
9 physician program created by RCW 18.72.306 (as recodified by this act).

10 **Sec. 330.** RCW 18.72.306 and 1991 c 3 s 169 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The ((~~board~~)) commission shall enter into a contract with the
13 committee to implement an impaired physician program. The impaired
14 physician program may include any or all of the following:

15 (a) Contracting with providers of treatment programs;

16 (b) Receiving and evaluating reports of suspected impairment from
17 any source;

18 (c) Intervening in cases of verified impairment;

19 (d) Referring impaired physicians to treatment programs;

20 (e) Monitoring the treatment and rehabilitation of impaired
21 physicians including those ordered by the ((~~board~~)) commission;

22 (f) Providing post-treatment monitoring and support of
23 rehabilitative impaired physicians;

24 (g) Performing such other activities as agreed upon by the
25 ((~~board~~)) commission and the committee; and

26 (h) Providing prevention and education services.

27 (2) A contract entered into under subsection (1) of this section
28 shall be financed by a surcharge of up to twenty-five dollars on each
29 license renewal or issuance of a new license to be collected by the
30 department of health from every physician and surgeon licensed under
31 this chapter ((~~18.71 RCW~~)) in addition to other license fees and the
32 medical discipline assessment fee established under RCW 18.72.380.
33 These moneys shall be placed in the health professions account to be
34 used solely for the implementation of the impaired physician program.

35 **Sec. 331.** RCW 18.72.311 and 1987 c 416 s 3 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 The committee shall develop procedures in consultation with the
2 ((board)) commission for:

3 (1) Periodic reporting of statistical information regarding
4 impaired physician activity;

5 (2) Periodic disclosure and joint review of such information as the
6 ((board)) commission may deem appropriate regarding reports received,
7 contacts or investigations made, and the disposition of each report:
8 PROVIDED, That the committee shall not disclose any personally
9 identifiable information except as provided in subsections (3) and (4)
10 of this section;

11 (3) Immediate reporting to the ((board)) commission of the name and
12 results of any contact or investigation regarding any impaired
13 physician who is believed to constitute an imminent danger to the
14 public;

15 (4) Reporting to the ((board)) commission, in a timely fashion, any
16 impaired physician who refuses to cooperate with the committee, refuses
17 to submit to treatment, or whose impairment is not substantially
18 alleviated through treatment, and who, in the opinion of the committee,
19 is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.
20 However, impairment, in and of itself, shall not give rise to a
21 presumption of the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill
22 and safety;

23 (5) Informing each participant of the impaired physician program of
24 the program procedures, the responsibilities of program participants,
25 and the possible consequences of noncompliance with the program.

26 **Sec. 332.** RCW 18.72.316 and 1987 c 416 s 4 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 If the ((board)) commission has reasonable cause to believe that a
29 physician is impaired, the ((board)) commission shall cause an
30 evaluation of such physician to be conducted by the committee or the
31 committee's designee or the ((board's)) commission's designee for the
32 purpose of determining if there is an impairment. The committee or
33 appropriate designee shall report the findings of its evaluation to the
34 ((board)) commission.

35 **Sec. 333.** RCW 18.72.340 and 1993 c 367 s 17 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 (1) Every institution or organization providing professional
2 liability insurance to physicians shall send a complete report to the
3 (~~medical disciplinary board~~) commission of all malpractice
4 settlements, awards, or payments in excess of twenty thousand dollars
5 as a result of a claim or action for damages alleged to have been
6 caused by an insured physician's incompetency or negligence in the
7 practice of medicine. Such institution or organization shall also
8 report the award, settlement, or payment of three or more claims during
9 a five-year time period as the result of the alleged physician's
10 incompetence or negligence in the practice of medicine regardless of
11 the dollar amount of the award or payment.

12 (2) Reports required by this section shall be made within sixty
13 days of the date of the settlement or verdict. Failure to comply with
14 this section is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred
15 fifty dollars.

16 **Sec. 334.** RCW 18.72.345 and 1991 c 215 s 2 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 To assist in identifying impairment related to alcohol abuse, the
19 (~~board~~) commission may obtain a copy of the driving record of a
20 physician or a physician assistant maintained by the department of
21 licensing.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 335.** (1) RCW 18.72.155, 18.72.165, 18.72.265,
23 18.72.301, 18.72.306, 18.72.311, 18.72.316, 18.72.340, and 18.72.345,
24 as amended by this act, are each recodified as sections in chapter
25 18.71 RCW.

26 (2) RCW 18.72.010, 18.72.321, 18.72.380, 18.72.390, and 18.72.400
27 are each recodified as sections in chapter 18.71 RCW.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 336.** The following acts or parts of acts are
29 each repealed:

30 (1) RCW 18.72.020 and 1986 c 259 s 115 & 1955 c 202 s 2;

31 (2) RCW 18.72.045 and 1991 c 215 s 1;

32 (3) RCW 18.72.090 and 1955 c 202 s 9;

33 (4) RCW 18.72.100 and 1991 c 3 s 166, 1984 c 287 s 45, 1979 ex.s.
34 c 111 s 3, 1979 c 158 s 59, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 42, & 1955 c 202
35 s 10;

36 (5) RCW 18.72.110 and 1955 c 202 s 11;

- 1 (6) RCW 18.72.120 and 1991 c 3 s 167 & 1955 c 202 s 12;
2 (7) RCW 18.72.130 and 1979 ex.s. c 111 s 4 & 1955 c 202 s 13;
3 (8) RCW 18.72.150 and 1986 c 259 s 116, 1979 ex.s. c 111 s 5, 1975
4 c 61 s 4, & 1955 c 202 s 15;
5 (9) RCW 18.72.154 and 1986 c 259 s 107;
6 (10) RCW 18.72.190 and 1989 c 373 s 18 & 1955 c 202 s 19;
7 (11) RCW 18.72.900 and 1955 c 202 s 46; and
8 (12) RCW 18.72.910 and 1955 c 202 s 48.

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NURSING CARE

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 401.** It is the purpose of the nursing care
11 quality assurance commission to regulate the competency and quality of
12 professional health care providers under its jurisdiction by
13 establishing, monitoring, and enforcing qualifications for licensing,
14 consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and
15 discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the
16 commission must promote the delivery of quality health care to the
17 residents of the state of Washington.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 402.** Unless a different meaning is plainly
19 required by the context, the definitions set forth in this section
20 apply throughout this chapter.

21 (1) "Commission" means the Washington state nursing care quality
22 assurance commission.

23 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

24 (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
25 designee.

26 (4) "Diagnosis," in the context of nursing practice, means the
27 identification of, and discrimination between, the person's physical
28 and psycho-social signs and symptoms that are essential to effective
29 execution and management of the nursing care regimen.

30 (5) "Diploma" means written official verification of completion of
31 an approved nursing education program.

32 (6) "Nurse" or "nursing," unless otherwise specified as a practical
33 nurse or practical nursing, means a registered nurse or registered
34 nursing.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 403.** (1) It is unlawful for a person to
2 practice or to offer to practice as a registered nurse in this state
3 unless that person has been licensed under this chapter. A person who
4 holds a license to practice as a registered nurse in this state may use
5 the title "registered nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N." No other
6 person may assume that title or use the abbreviation or any other
7 words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using
8 them is a registered nurse.

9 (2) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to practice
10 as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a nurse practitioner
11 in this state unless that person has been licensed under this chapter.
12 A person who holds a license to practice as an advanced registered
13 nurse practitioner in this state may use the titles "advanced
14 registered nurse practitioner" and "nurse practitioner" and the
15 abbreviations "A.R.N.P." and "N.P." No other person may assume those
16 titles or use those abbreviations or any other words, letters, signs,
17 or figures to indicate that the person using them is an advanced
18 registered nurse practitioner or nurse practitioner.

19 (3) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to practice
20 as a licensed practical nurse in this state unless that person has been
21 licensed under this chapter. A person who holds a license to practice
22 as a licensed practical nurse in this state may use the title "licensed
23 practical nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N." No other person may
24 assume that title or use that abbreviation or any other words, letters,
25 signs, or figures to indicate that the person using them is a licensed
26 practical nurse.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 404.** (1) "Registered nursing practice" means
28 the performance of acts requiring substantial specialized knowledge,
29 judgment, and skill based on the principles of the biological,
30 physiological, behavioral, and sociological sciences in either:

31 (a) The observation, assessment, diagnosis, care or counsel, and
32 health teaching of the ill, injured, or infirm, or in the maintenance
33 of health or prevention of illness of others;

34 (b) The performance of such additional acts requiring education and
35 training and that are recognized by the medical and nursing professions
36 as proper and recognized by the commission to be performed by
37 registered nurses licensed under this chapter and that are authorized
38 by the commission through its rules;

1 (c) The administration, supervision, delegation, and evaluation of
2 nursing practice. However, nothing in this subsection affects the
3 authority of a hospital, hospital district, medical clinic, or office,
4 concerning its administration and supervision;

5 (d) The teaching of nursing;

6 (e) The executing of medical regimen as prescribed by a licensed
7 physician and surgeon, dentist, osteopathic physician and surgeon,
8 podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant, osteopathic
9 physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner.

10 (2) Nothing in this section prohibits a person from practicing a
11 profession for which a license has been issued under the laws of this
12 state or specifically authorized by any other law of the state of
13 Washington.

14 (3) This section does not prohibit (a) the nursing care of the
15 sick, without compensation, by an unlicensed person who does not hold
16 himself or herself out to be a registered nurse, or (b) the practice of
17 licensed practical nursing by a licensed practical nurse.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 405.** "Advanced registered nursing practice"
19 means the performance of the acts of a registered nurse and the
20 performance of an expanded role in providing health care services as
21 recognized by the medical and nursing professions, the scope of which
22 is defined by rule by the commission. Upon approval by the commission,
23 an advanced registered nurse practitioner may prescribe legend drugs
24 and controlled substances contained in Schedule V of the Uniform
25 Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW.

26 Nothing in this section prohibits a person from practicing a
27 profession for which a license has been issued under the laws of this
28 state or specifically authorized by any other law of the state of
29 Washington.

30 This section does not prohibit (1) the nursing care of the sick,
31 without compensation, by an unlicensed person who does not hold himself
32 or herself out to be an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or (2)
33 the practice of registered nursing by a licensed registered nurse or
34 the practice of licensed practical nursing by a licensed practical
35 nurse.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 406.** "Licensed practical nursing practice"
37 means the performance of services requiring the knowledge, skill, and

1 judgment necessary for carrying out selected aspects of the designated
2 nursing regimen under the direction and supervision of a licensed
3 physician and surgeon, dentist, osteopathic physician and surgeon,
4 physician assistant, osteopathic physician assistant, podiatric
5 physician and surgeon, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or
6 registered nurse.

7 Nothing in this section prohibits a person from practicing a
8 profession for which a license has been issued under the laws of this
9 state or specifically authorized by any other law of the state of
10 Washington.

11 This section does not prohibit the nursing care of the sick,
12 without compensation, by an unlicensed person who does not hold himself
13 or herself out to be a licensed practical nurse.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 407.** (1) The state nursing care quality
15 assurance commission is established, consisting of eleven members to be
16 appointed by the governor to four-year terms. No person may serve as
17 a member of the commission for more than two consecutive full terms.

18 (2) There must be three registered nurse members, two advanced
19 registered nurse practitioner members, three licensed practical nurse
20 members, two public members, and one nonvoting midwife member licensed
21 under chapter 18.50 RCW, on the commission. Each member of the
22 commission must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of
23 this state.

24 (3) Registered nurse members of the commission must:

25 (a) Be licensed as registered nurses under this chapter; and

26 (b) Have had at least five years' experience in the active practice
27 of nursing and have been engaged in that practice within two years of
28 appointment.

29 (4) Advanced registered nurse practitioner members of the
30 commission must:

31 (a) Be licensed as advanced registered nurse practitioners under
32 this chapter; and

33 (b) Have had at least five years' experience in the active practice
34 of advanced registered nursing and have been engaged in that practice
35 within two years of appointment.

36 (5) Licensed practical nurse members of the commission must:

37 (a) Be licensed as licensed practical nurses under this chapter;
38 and

1 (b) Have had at least five years' actual experience as a licensed
2 practical nurse and have been engaged in practice as a practical nurse
3 within two years of appointment.

4 (6) Public members of the commission may not be a member of any
5 other health care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary
6 obligation to a facility rendering health services regulated by the
7 commission, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering
8 of health services regulated by the commission.

9 (7) The nonvoting licensed midwife member of the commission must:

10 (a) Be licensed as a midwife under chapter 18.50 RCW; and

11 (b) Have had at least five years' actual experience as a licensed
12 midwife and have been engaged in practice as a midwife within two years
13 of appointment.

14 In appointing the initial members of the commission, it is the
15 intent of the legislature that, to the extent possible, the governor
16 appoint the existing members of the board of nursing and the board of
17 practical nursing repealed under chapter . . . , Laws of 1994 (this
18 act). The governor may appoint initial members of the commission to
19 staggered terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members
20 shall be appointed to full four-year terms. Members of the commission
21 hold office until their successors are appointed.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 408.** The governor may remove a member of the
23 commission for neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance
24 in office, or for incompetency or unprofessional conduct as defined in
25 chapter 18.130 RCW. Whenever the governor is satisfied that a member
26 of the commission has been guilty of neglect of duty, misconduct,
27 malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or of incompetency or
28 unprofessional conduct, the governor shall file with the secretary of
29 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from
30 office, and the secretary shall forthwith send a certified copy of the
31 statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post office
32 address of the member. If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the
33 governor shall appoint a replacement member to fill the remainder of
34 the unexpired term.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 409.** Each commission member shall be
36 compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be paid travel

1 expenses when away from home in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
2 43.03.060.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 410.** The commission shall annually elect
4 officers from among its members. The commission shall meet at least
5 quarterly at times and places it designates. It shall hold such other
6 meetings during the year as may be deemed necessary to transact its
7 business. A majority of the commission members appointed and serving
8 constitutes a quorum at a meeting. All meetings of the commission must
9 be open and public, except that the commission may hold executive
10 sessions to the extent permitted by chapter 42.30 RCW.

11 Carrying a motion or resolution, adopting a rule, or passing a
12 measure requires the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the
13 commission. The commission may appoint panels consisting of at least
14 three members. A quorum for transaction of any business by a panel is
15 a minimum of three members. A majority vote of a quorum of the panel
16 is required to transact business delegated to it by the commission.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 411.** The commission shall keep a record of all
18 of its proceedings and make such reports to the governor as may be
19 required. The commission may adopt rules or issue advisory opinions in
20 response to questions put to it by professional health associations,
21 licensed nurses, and consumers in this state concerning the authority
22 of various categories of licensed nurses to perform particular acts, as
23 recognized by the medical and nursing professions. The commission
24 shall define by rule the criteria for granting to advanced registered
25 nurse practitioners the authority to prescribe legend drugs and
26 Schedule V controlled substances as recognized by the medical and
27 nursing professions.

28 The commission shall approve curricula and shall establish criteria
29 for minimum standards for schools preparing persons for licensing as
30 registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and
31 licensed practical nurses under this chapter. The commission shall
32 approve such schools of nursing as meet the requirements of this
33 chapter and the commission, and the commission shall approve
34 establishment of basic nursing education programs and shall establish
35 criteria as to the need for and the size of a program and the type of
36 program and the geographical location. The commission shall establish
37 criteria for proof of reasonable currency of knowledge and skill as a

1 basis for safe practice after three years' inactive or lapsed status.
2 The commission shall establish criteria for licensing by endorsement.
3 The commission shall determine examination requirements for applicants
4 for licensing as registered nurses, advanced registered nurse
5 practitioners, and licensed practical nurses under this chapter, and
6 shall certify to the secretary for licensing duly qualified applicants.

7 The commission shall adopt such rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as
8 are necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

9 The commission is the successor in interest of the board of nursing
10 and the board of practical nursing. All contracts, undertakings,
11 agreements, rules, regulations, decisions, orders, and policies of the
12 former board of nursing or the board of practical nursing continue in
13 full force and effect under the commission until the commission amends
14 or rescinds those rules, regulations, decisions, orders, or policies.

15 The members of the commission are immune from suit in an action,
16 civil or criminal, based on its disciplinary proceedings or other
17 official acts performed in good faith as members of the commission.

18 Whenever the workload of the commission requires, the commission
19 may request that the secretary appoint pro tempore members of the
20 commission. When serving, pro tempore members of the commission have
21 all of the powers, duties, and immunities, and are entitled to all of
22 the emoluments, including travel expenses, of regularly appointed
23 members of the commission.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 412.** The Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter
25 18.130 RCW, governs unlicensed practice, the issuance and denial of
26 licenses, and the discipline of licensees under this chapter.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 413.** The secretary shall appoint, after
28 consultation with the commission, an executive director who shall act
29 to carry out this chapter. The secretary shall also employ such
30 professional, secretarial, clerical, and other assistants as may be
31 necessary to effectively administer this chapter. The secretary shall
32 fix the compensation and provide for travel expenses for the executive
33 director and all such employees, in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
34 43.03.060.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 414.** The executive director must be a graduate
36 of an approved nursing education program and of a college or

1 university, with a masters' degree, and currently licensed as a
2 registered nurse under this chapter; have a minimum of eight years'
3 experience in nursing in any combination of administration and nursing
4 education; and have been actively engaged in the practice of registered
5 nursing or nursing education within two years immediately before the
6 time of appointment.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 415.** An institution desiring to conduct a
8 school of registered nursing or a school or program of practical
9 nursing, or both, shall apply to the commission and submit evidence
10 satisfactory to the commission that:

11 (1) It is prepared to carry out the curriculum approved by the
12 commission for basic registered nursing or practical nursing, or both;
13 and

14 (2) It is prepared to meet other standards established by law and
15 by the commission.

16 The commission shall make, or cause to be made, such surveys of the
17 schools and programs, and of institutions and agencies to be used by
18 the schools and programs, as it determines are necessary. If in the
19 opinion of the commission, the requirements for an approved school of
20 registered nursing or a school or program of practical nursing, or
21 both, are met, the commission shall approve the school or program.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 416.** (1) An applicant for a license to practice
23 as a registered nurse shall submit to the commission:

24 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

25 (b) Written official evidence of a diploma from an approved school
26 of nursing; and

27 (c) Any other official records specified by the commission.

28 (2) An applicant for a license to practice as an advanced
29 registered nurse practitioner shall submit to the commission:

30 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

31 (b) Written official evidence of completion of an advanced
32 registered nurse practitioner training program meeting criteria
33 established by the commission; and

34 (c) Any other official records specified by the commission.

35 (3) An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical
36 nurse shall submit to the commission:

37 (a) An attested written application on a department form;

1 (b) Written official evidence that the applicant is over the age of
2 eighteen;

3 (c) Written official evidence of a high school diploma or general
4 education development certificate or diploma;

5 (d) Written official evidence of completion of an approved
6 practical nursing program, or its equivalent; and

7 (e) Any other official records specified by the commission.

8 (4) At the time of submission of the application, the applicant for
9 a license to practice as a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse
10 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse must not be in violation of
11 chapter 18.130 RCW or this chapter.

12 (5) The commission shall establish by rule the criteria for
13 evaluating the education of all applicants.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 417.** An applicant for a license to practice as
15 a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed
16 practical nurse must pass an examination in subjects determined by the
17 commission. The examination may be supplemented by an oral or
18 practical examination. The commission shall establish by rule the
19 requirements for applicants who have failed the examination to qualify
20 for reexamination.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 418.** When authorized by the commission, the
22 department shall issue an interim permit authorizing the applicant to
23 practice registered nursing, advanced registered nursing, or licensed
24 practical nursing, as appropriate, from the time of verification of the
25 completion of the school or training program until notification of the
26 results of the examination. Upon the applicant passing the
27 examination, and if all other requirements established by the
28 commission for licensing are met, the department shall issue the
29 applicant a license to practice registered nursing, advanced registered
30 nursing, or licensed practical nursing, as appropriate. If the
31 applicant fails the examination, the interim permit expires upon
32 notification to the applicant, and is not renewable. The holder of an
33 interim permit is subject to chapter 18.130 RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 419.** Upon approval of the application by the
35 commission, the department shall issue a license by endorsement without
36 examination to practice as a registered nurse or as a licensed

1 practical nurse to a person who is licensed as a registered nurse or
2 licensed practical nurse under the laws of another state, territory, or
3 possession of the United States, and who meets all other qualifications
4 for licensing.

5 An applicant who has graduated from a school or program of nursing
6 outside the United States and is licensed as a registered nurse or
7 licensed practical nurse, or their equivalents, outside the United
8 States must meet all qualifications required by this chapter and pass
9 examinations as determined by the commission.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 420.** An applicant for a license to practice as
11 a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed
12 practical nurse shall pay a fee as determined by the secretary under
13 RCW 43.70.250 to the state treasurer.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 421.** A license issued under this chapter,
15 whether in an active or inactive status, must be renewed, except as
16 provided in this chapter. The licensee shall send the renewal form to
17 the department with a renewal fee, as determined by the secretary under
18 RCW 43.70.250, before the expiration date. Upon receipt of the renewal
19 form and the appropriate fee, the department shall issue the licensee
20 a license, which declares the holder to be a legal practitioner of
21 registered nursing, advanced registered nursing practice, or licensed
22 practical nursing, as appropriate, in either active or inactive status,
23 for the period of time stated on the license.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 422.** A person licensed under this chapter who
25 allows his or her license to lapse by failing to renew the license,
26 shall on application for renewal pay a penalty determined by the
27 secretary under RCW 43.70.250. If the licensee fails to renew the
28 license before the end of the current licensing period, the department
29 shall issue the license for the next licensing period upon receipt of
30 a written application and fee determined by the secretary under RCW
31 43.70.250. Persons on lapsed status for three or more years must
32 provide evidence of knowledge and skill of current practice as required
33 by the commission.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 423.** A person licensed under this chapter who
35 desires to retire temporarily from registered nursing practice,

1 advanced registered nursing practice, or licensed practical nursing
2 practice in this state shall send a written notice to the secretary.

3 Upon receipt of the notice the department shall place the name of
4 the person on inactive status. While remaining on this status the
5 person shall not practice in this state any form of nursing provided
6 for in this chapter. When the person desires to resume practice, the
7 person shall apply to the commission for renewal of the license and pay
8 a renewal fee to the state treasurer. Persons on inactive status for
9 three years or more must provide evidence of knowledge and skill of
10 current practice as required by the commission or as provided in this
11 chapter.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 424.** (1) In the context of the definition of
13 registered nursing practice and advanced registered nursing practice,
14 this chapter shall not be construed as:

15 (a) Prohibiting the incidental care of the sick by domestic
16 servants or persons primarily employed as housekeepers, so long as they
17 do not practice registered nursing within the meaning of this chapter;

18 (b) Preventing a person from the domestic administration of family
19 remedies or the furnishing of nursing assistance in case of emergency;

20 (c) Prohibiting the practice of nursing by students enrolled in
21 approved schools as may be incidental to their course of study or
22 prohibiting the students from working as nursing aides;

23 (d) Prohibiting auxiliary services provided by persons carrying out
24 duties necessary for the support of nursing services, including those
25 duties that involve minor nursing services for persons performed in
26 hospitals, nursing homes, or elsewhere under the direction of licensed
27 physicians or the supervision of licensed registered nurses;

28 (e) Prohibiting the practice of nursing in this state by a legally
29 qualified nurse of another state or territory whose engagement requires
30 him or her to accompany and care for a patient temporarily residing in
31 this state during the period of one such engagement, not to exceed six
32 months in length, if the person does not represent or hold himself or
33 herself out as a registered nurse licensed to practice in this state;

34 (f) Prohibiting nursing or care of the sick, with or without
35 compensation, when done in connection with the practice of the
36 religious tenets of a church by adherents of the church so long as they
37 do not engage in the practice of nursing as defined in this chapter;

1 (g) Prohibiting the practice of a legally qualified nurse of
2 another state who is employed by the United States government or a
3 bureau, division, or agency thereof, while in the discharge of his or
4 her official duties;

5 (h) Permitting the measurement of the powers or range of human
6 vision, or the determination of the accommodation and refractive state
7 of the human eye or the scope of its functions in general, or the
8 fitting or adaptation of lenses for the aid thereof;

9 (i) Permitting the prescribing or directing the use of, or using,
10 an optical device in connection with ocular exercises, visual training,
11 vision training, or orthoptics;

12 (j) Permitting the prescribing of contact lenses for, or the
13 fitting and adaptation of contact lenses to, the human eye;

14 (k) Prohibiting the performance of routine visual screening;

15 (l) Permitting the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene as
16 defined in chapters 18.32 and 18.29 RCW, respectively;

17 (m) Permitting the practice of chiropractic as defined in chapter
18 18.25 RCW including the adjustment or manipulation of the articulation
19 of the spine;

20 (n) Permitting the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery as
21 defined in chapter 18.22 RCW;

22 (o) Permitting the performance of major surgery, except such minor
23 surgery as the commission may have specifically authorized by rule
24 adopted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW;

25 (p) Permitting the prescribing of controlled substances as defined
26 in Schedules I through IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,
27 chapter 69.50 RCW, except as provided in (r) of this subsection;

28 (q) Prohibiting the determination and pronouncement of death;

29 (r) Prohibiting advanced registered nurse practitioners, approved
30 by the commission as certified registered nurse anesthetists from
31 selecting, ordering, or administering controlled substances as defined
32 in Schedules II through IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,
33 chapter 69.50 RCW, consistent with their commission-recognized scope of
34 practice; subject to facility-specific protocols, and subject to a
35 request for certified registered nurse anesthetist anesthesia services
36 issued by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic
37 physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, a dentist
38 licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, or a podiatric physician and surgeon
39 licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW; the authority to select, order, or

1 administer Schedule II through IV controlled substances being limited
2 to those drugs that are to be directly administered to patients who
3 require anesthesia for diagnostic, operative, obstetrical, or
4 therapeutic procedures in a hospital, clinic, ambulatory surgical
5 facility, or the office of a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71,
6 18.22, 18.36, 18.36A, 18.57, 18.57A, or 18.32 RCW; "select" meaning the
7 decision-making process of choosing a drug, dosage, route, and time of
8 administration; and "order" meaning the process of directing licensed
9 individuals pursuant to their statutory authority to directly
10 administer a drug or to dispense, deliver, or distribute a drug for the
11 purpose of direct administration to a patient, under instructions of
12 the certified registered nurse anesthetist. "Protocol" means a
13 statement regarding practice and documentation concerning such items as
14 categories of patients, categories of medications, or categories of
15 procedures rather than detailed case-specific formulas for the practice
16 of nurse anesthesia.

17 (2) In the context of the definition of licensed practical nursing
18 practice, this chapter shall not be construed as:

19 (a) Prohibiting the incidental care of the sick by domestic
20 servants or persons primarily employed as housekeepers, so long as they
21 do not practice practical nursing within the meaning of this chapter;

22 (b) Preventing a person from the domestic administration of family
23 remedies or the furnishing of nursing assistance in case of emergency;

24 (c) Prohibiting the practice of practical nursing by students
25 enrolled in approved schools as may be incidental to their course of
26 study or prohibiting the students from working as nursing assistants;

27 (d) Prohibiting auxiliary services provided by persons carrying out
28 duties necessary for the support of nursing services, including those
29 duties that involve minor nursing services for persons performed in
30 hospitals, nursing homes, or elsewhere under the direction of licensed
31 physicians or the supervision of licensed registered nurses;

32 (e) Prohibiting or preventing the practice of nursing in this state
33 by a legally qualified nurse of another state or territory whose
34 engagement requires him or her to accompany and care for a patient
35 temporarily residing in this state during the period of one such
36 engagement, not to exceed six months in length, if the person does not
37 represent or hold himself or herself out as a licensed practical nurse
38 licensed to practice in this state;

1 (f) Prohibiting nursing or care of the sick, with or without
2 compensation, when done in connection with the practice of the
3 religious tenets of a church by adherents of the church so long as they
4 do not engage in licensed practical nurse practice as defined in this
5 chapter;

6 (g) Prohibiting the practice of a legally qualified nurse of
7 another state who is employed by the United States government or any
8 bureau, division, or agency thereof, while in the discharge of his or
9 her official duties.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 425.** An advanced registered nurse practitioner
11 under his or her license may perform for compensation nursing care, as
12 that term is usually understood, of the ill, injured, or infirm, and in
13 the course thereof, she or he may do the following things that shall
14 not be done by a person not so licensed, except as provided in sections
15 426 and 427 of this act:

16 (1) Perform specialized and advanced levels of nursing as
17 recognized jointly by the medical and nursing professions, as defined
18 by the commission;

19 (2) Prescribe legend drugs and Schedule V controlled substances, as
20 defined in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW,
21 within the scope of practice defined by the commission;

22 (3) Perform all acts provided in section 426 of this act;

23 (4) Hold herself or himself out to the public or designate herself
24 or himself as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a nurse
25 practitioner.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 426.** A registered nurse under his or her
27 license may perform for compensation nursing care, as that term is
28 usually understood, of the ill, injured, or infirm, and in the course
29 thereof, she or he may do the following things that shall not be done
30 by a person not so licensed, except as provided in section 427 of this
31 act:

32 (1) At or under the general direction of a licensed physician and
33 surgeon, dentist, osteopathic physician and surgeon, podiatric
34 physician and surgeon, physician assistant, osteopathic physician
35 assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner acting within the
36 scope of his or her license, administer medications, treatments, tests,
37 and inoculations, whether or not the severing or penetrating of tissues

1 is involved and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and
2 skill is required;

3 (2) Delegate to other persons engaged in nursing, the functions
4 outlined in subsection (1) of this section;

5 (3) Instruct nurses in technical subjects pertaining to nursing;

6 (4) Hold herself or himself out to the public or designate herself
7 or himself as a registered nurse.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 427.** A licensed practical nurse under his or
9 her license may perform nursing care, as that term is usually
10 understood, of the ill, injured, or infirm, and in the course thereof
11 may, under the direction of a licensed physician and surgeon,
12 osteopathic physician and surgeon, dentist, podiatric physician and
13 surgeon, physician assistant, osteopathic physician assistant, advanced
14 registered nurse practitioner acting under the scope of his or her
15 license, or at the direction and under the supervision of a registered
16 nurse, administer drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections,
17 and inoculations, whether or not the piercing of tissues is involved
18 and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and skill is
19 required, when selected to do so by one of the licensed practitioners
20 designated in this section, or by a registered nurse who need not be
21 physically present; if the order given is reduced to writing within a
22 reasonable time and made a part of the patient's record.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 428.** It is not a violation of chapter 18.71 RCW
24 or of chapter 18.57 RCW for a registered nurse, at or under the general
25 direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, or osteopathic physician
26 and surgeon, to administer prescribed drugs, injections, inoculations,
27 tests, or treatment whether or not the piercing of tissues is involved.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 429.** (1) In accordance with rules adopted by
29 the commission, public school districts and private schools that offer
30 classes for any of grades kindergarten through twelve may provide for
31 clean, intermittent bladder catheterization of students or assisted
32 self-catheterization of students who are in the custody of the school
33 district or private school at the time. After consultation with staff
34 of the superintendent of public instruction, the commission shall adopt
35 rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, that provide for the

1 following and such other matters as the commission deems necessary to
2 the proper implementation of this section:

3 (a) A requirement for a written, current, and unexpired request
4 from a parent, legal guardian, or other person having legal control
5 over the student that the school district or private school provide for
6 the catheterization of the student;

7 (b) A requirement for a written, current, and unexpired request
8 from a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, that
9 catheterization of the student be provided for during the hours when
10 school is in session or the hours when the student is under the
11 supervision of school officials;

12 (c) A requirement for written, current, and unexpired instructions
13 from an advanced registered nurse practitioner or a registered nurse
14 licensed under this chapter regarding catheterization that include (i)
15 a designation of the school district or private school employee or
16 employees who may provide for the catheterization, and (ii) a
17 description of the nature and extent of any required supervision; and

18 (d) The nature and extent of acceptable training that shall (i) be
19 provided by a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or
20 registered nurse licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, or this
21 chapter, and (ii) be required of school district or private school
22 employees who provide for the catheterization of a student under this
23 section, except that a licensed practical nurse licensed under this
24 chapter is exempt from training.

25 (2) This section does not require school districts to provide
26 intermittent bladder catheterization of students.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 430.** The department, subject to chapter 34.05
28 RCW, the Washington Administrative Procedure Act, may adopt such
29 reasonable rules as may be necessary to carry out the duties imposed
30 upon it in the administration of this chapter.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 431.** As of the effective date of this act, all
32 rules, regulations, decisions, and orders of the board of nursing under
33 chapter 18.88 RCW or the board of practical nursing under chapter 18.78
34 RCW continue to be in effect under the commission, until the commission
35 acts to modify the rules, regulations, decisions, or orders.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 432.** Sections 401 through 431 of this act
2 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 433.** The following acts or parts of acts are
4 each repealed:

5 (1) RCW 18.78.005 and 1991 c 84 s 1 & 1983 c 55 s 1;

6 (2) RCW 18.78.010 and 1991 c 84 s 13, 1991 c 3 s 185, 1983 c 55 s
7 2, 1967 c 79 s 1, 1963 c 15 s 1, & 1949 c 222 s 1;

8 (3) RCW 18.78.020 and 1991 c 84 s 2, 1983 c 55 s 3, 1967 c 79 s 2,
9 & 1949 c 222 s 2;

10 (4) RCW 18.78.030 and 1991 c 84 s 3, 1983 c 55 s 4, & 1949 c 222 s
11 3;

12 (5) RCW 18.78.040 and 1991 c 84 s 4, 1984 c 287 s 47, 1983 c 55 s
13 5, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 45, 1967 c 188 s 4, & 1949 c 222 s 4;

14 (6) RCW 18.78.050 and 1991 c 84 s 5, 1988 c 211 s 4, 1986 c 259 s
15 129, 1983 c 55 s 6, 1979 c 158 s 64, 1967 c 79 s 3, & 1949 c 222 s 5;

16 (7) RCW 18.78.054 and 1987 c 150 s 49 & 1986 c 259 s 128;

17 (8) RCW 18.78.055 and 1991 c 84 s 6 & 1983 c 55 s 7;

18 (9) RCW 18.78.058 and 1987 c 150 s 50;

19 (10) RCW 18.78.060 and 1991 c 84 s 7, 1988 c 212 s 1, 1983 c 55 s
20 8, 1971 ex.s. c 292 s 26, 1963 c 15 s 2, & 1949 c 222 s 6;

21 (11) RCW 18.78.070 and 1986 c 259 s 130, 1983 c 55 s 9, & 1949 c
22 222 s 7;

23 (12) RCW 18.78.072 and 1988 c 211 s 3;

24 (13) RCW 18.78.080 and 1991 c 84 s 8, 1985 c 7 s 65, 1979 c 158 s
25 65, 1975 1st ex.s. c 30 s 68, 1963 c 15 s 3, & 1949 c 222 s 9;

26 (14) RCW 18.78.090 and 1991 c 84 s 9, 1986 c 259 s 131, 1985 c 7 s
27 66, 1983 c 55 s 10, 1979 c 158 s 66, 1975 1st ex.s. c 30 s 69, 1971
28 ex.s. c 266 s 14, 1967 c 79 s 4, 1963 c 15 s 4, & 1949 c 222 s 10;

29 (15) RCW 18.78.100 and 1991 c 84 s 10, 1991 c 3 s 190, 1983 c 55 s
30 11, 1971 c 68 s 1, & 1949 c 222 s 11;

31 (16) RCW 18.78.160 and 1991 c 84 s 12, 1983 c 55 s 15, & 1949 c 222
32 s 17;

33 (17) RCW 18.78.182 and 1991 c 84 s 11, 1983 c 55 s 19, 1971 c 68 s
34 2, & 1967 c 79 s 6;

35 (18) RCW 18.78.225 and 1991 c 3 s 192 & 1988 c 211 s 12;

36 (19) RCW 18.78.900 and 1949 c 222 s 19;

37 (20) RCW 18.78.901 and 1983 c 55 s 22;

38 (21) RCW 18.88.010 and 1973 c 133 s 1 & 1949 c 202 s 1;

1 (22) RCW 18.88.020 and 1973 c 133 s 2 & 1949 c 202 s 2;
2 (23) RCW 18.88.030 and 1991 c 3 s 213, 1989 c 114 s 1, 1979 c 158
3 s 69, 1973 c 133 s 3, 1961 c 288 s 1, & 1949 c 202 s 4;
4 (24) RCW 18.88.050 and 1989 c 114 s 2, 1973 c 133 s 4, & 1949 c 202
5 s 5;
6 (25) RCW 18.88.060 and 1973 c 133 s 5, 1961 c 288 s 3, & 1949 c 202
7 s 6;
8 (26) RCW 18.88.070 and 1989 c 114 s 3, 1973 c 133 s 6, & 1949 c 202
9 s 7;
10 (27) RCW 18.88.080 and 1991 c 3 s 214, 1988 c 211 s 8, 1984 c 287
11 s 50, 1977 c 75 s 12, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 50, 1973 c 133 s 7,
12 1961 c 288 s 4, & 1949 c 202 s 8;
13 (28) RCW 18.88.086 and 1987 c 150 s 57 & 1986 c 259 s 135;
14 (29) RCW 18.88.090 and 1991 c 3 s 215, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s
15 51, 1973 c 133 s 8, 1961 c 288 s 5, & 1949 c 202 s 9;
16 (30) RCW 18.88.100 and 1973 c 133 s 9, 1961 c 288 s 6, & 1949 c 202
17 s 10;
18 (31) RCW 18.88.110 and 1973 c 133 s 10 & 1949 c 202 s 11;
19 (32) RCW 18.88.120 and 1973 c 133 s 11 & 1949 c 202 s 12;
20 (33) RCW 18.88.130 and 1989 c 114 s 4, 1973 c 133 s 12, 1961 s 288
21 s 7, & 1949 c 202 s 13;
22 (34) RCW 18.88.140 and 1989 c 114 s 5, 1973 c 133 s 13, 1961 c 288
23 s 8, & 1949 c 202 s 14;
24 (35) RCW 18.88.150 and 1989 c 114 s 6, 1988 c 211 s 5, 1973 c 133
25 s 14, 1961 c 288 s 9, & 1949 c 202 s 15;
26 (36) RCW 18.88.160 and 1991 c 3 s 216, 1985 c 7 s 68, 1975 1st
27 ex.s. c 30 s 77, 1973 c 133 s 15, 1961 c 288 s 10, & 1949 c 202 s 16;
28 (37) RCW 18.88.170 and 1973 c 133 s 16 & 1949 c 202 s 17;
29 (38) RCW 18.88.175 and 1991 c 3 s 217 & 1988 c 211 s 13;
30 (39) RCW 18.88.190 and 1991 c 3 s 218, 1988 c 211 s 9, 1985 c 7 s
31 69, 1979 ex.s. c 106 s 1, 1975 1st ex.s. c 30 s 78, 1973 c 133 s 18,
32 1971 ex.s. c 266 s 18, 1961 c 288 s 11, & 1949 c 202 s 19;
33 (40) RCW 18.88.200 and 1991 c 3 s 219, 1988 c 211 s 10, 1985 c 7 s
34 70, 1975 1st ex.s. c 30 s 79, 1973 c 133 s 19, 1961 c 288 s 12, & 1949
35 c 202 s 20;
36 (41) RCW 18.88.220 and 1991 c 3 s 220, 1988 c 211 s 11, 1973 c 133
37 s 20, & 1949 c 202 s 22;
38 (42) RCW 18.88.270 and 1986 c 259 s 136, 1973 c 133 s 26, & 1949 c
39 202 s 27;

1 (43) RCW 18.88.280 and 1993 c 225 s 1, 1989 c 114 s 7, 1988 c 37 s
2 1, 1973 c 133 s 27, 1961 c 288 s 13, & 1949 c 202 s 28;
3 (44) RCW 18.88.285 and 1989 c 114 s 8, 1973 c 133 s 28, 1967 c 79
4 s 9, & 1961 c 288 s 14;
5 (45) RCW 18.88.290 and 1955 c 62 s 1;
6 (46) RCW 18.88.295 and 1988 c 48 s 1;
7 (47) RCW 18.88.300 and 1973 c 133 s 29;
8 (48) RCW 18.88.900 and 1949 c 202 s 29; and
9 (49) RCW 18.88A.070 and 1991 c 16 s 9, 1991 c 3 s 223, 1989 c 300
10 s 9, & 1988 c 267 s 9.

11

MENTAL HEALTH CARE

12 **Sec. 501.** RCW 18.19.070 and 1991 c 3 s 22 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) (~~Within sixty days of July 26, 1987, the secretary shall have~~
15 ~~authority to appoint advisory committees to further the purposes of~~
16 ~~this chapter. Each such committee shall be composed of five members,~~
17 ~~one member initially appointed for a term of one year, two for terms of~~
18 ~~two years, and two for terms of three years. No person may serve as a~~
19 ~~member of the committee for more than two consecutive terms.)) The
20 Washington state mental health quality assurance council is created,
21 consisting of nine members appointed by the secretary. All
22 appointments shall be for a term of four years. No person may serve as
23 a member of the council for more than two consecutive full terms.~~

24 Voting members of the council must include one social worker
25 certified under RCW 18.19.110, one mental health counselor certified
26 under RCW 18.19.120, one marriage and family therapist certified under
27 RCW 18.19.130, one counselor registered under RCW 18.19.090, one
28 hypnotherapist registered under RCW 18.19.090, and two public members.
29 Each member of the council must be a citizen of the United States and
30 a resident of this state. Public members of the council may not be a
31 member of any other health care licensing board or commission, or have
32 a fiduciary obligation to a facility rendering health services
33 regulated by the council, or have a material or financial interest in
34 the rendering of health services regulated by the council.

35 The secretary may appoint the initial members of the council to
36 staggered terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members

1 shall be appointed to full four-year terms. Members of the council
2 hold office until their successors are appointed.

3 The secretary may remove any member of the (~~(advisory committees)~~)
4 council for cause as specified by rule. In the case of a vacancy, the
5 secretary shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the
6 unexpired term.

7 (2) The (~~(advisory committees)~~) council shall (~~(each)~~) meet at the
8 times and places designated by the secretary and shall hold meetings
9 during the year as necessary to provide advice to the secretary.

10 Each member of (~~(an advisory committee)~~) the council shall be
11 reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and
12 43.03.060. In addition, members of the (~~(committees)~~) council shall be
13 compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 when engaged in the
14 authorized business of (~~(their committee.~~

15 (~~(3) Members of an advisory committee shall be residents of this~~
16 ~~state. Each committee shall be composed of four individuals registered~~
17 ~~or certified in the category designated by the committee title, and one~~
18 ~~member who is a member of the public)) the council. The members of the
19 council are immune from suit in an action, civil or criminal, based on
20 their official acts performed in good faith as members of the council.~~

21

ACUPUNCTURE

22 **Sec. 502.** RCW 18.06.080 and 1992 c 110 s 3 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) The secretary is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the
25 provisions of this chapter and shall offer examinations in acupuncture
26 at least twice a year at such times and places as the secretary may
27 select. The examination shall be a written examination and may include
28 a practical examination.

29 (2) The secretary shall develop or approve a certification
30 examination in the subjects that the secretary determines are within
31 the scope of and commensurate with the work performed by certified
32 acupuncturists and shall include but not necessarily be limited to
33 anatomy, physiology, microbiology, biochemistry, pathology, hygiene,
34 and acupuncture. All application papers shall be deposited with the
35 secretary and there retained for at least one year, when they may be
36 destroyed.

1 (3) If the examination is successfully passed, the secretary shall
2 confer on such candidate the title of Certified Acupuncturist.

3 (4) The secretary may appoint members of the profession to serve in
4 an ad hoc advisory capacity to the secretary in carrying out this
5 chapter. The members will serve for designated times and provide
6 advice on matters specifically identified and requested by the
7 secretary. The members shall be compensated in accordance with RCW
8 43.03.220 and reimbursed for travel expenses under RCW 43.03.040 and
9 43.03.060.

10 (5) The secretary, ad hoc committee members, or individuals acting
11 in their behalf are immune from suit in a civil action based on any
12 certification or disciplinary proceedings or other official acts
13 performed in the course of their duties.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 503. RCW 18.06.170 and 1991 c 3 s 16 & 1985 c
15 326 s 17 are each repealed.

16 OCULARISTS

17 **Sec. 504.** RCW 18.55.020 and 1991 c 180 s 2 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The terms defined in this section shall have the meaning ascribed
20 to them wherever appearing in this chapter, unless a different meaning
21 is specifically used to such term in such statute.

22 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

23 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

24 (3) "Ocularist" means a person licensed under this chapter.

25 (4) (~~"Advisory committee" means the state ocularist advisory~~
26 ~~committee.~~

27 ~~(5))~~ "Apprentice" means a person designated an apprentice in the
28 records of the secretary to receive from a licensed ocularist training
29 and direct supervision in the work of an ocularist.

30 ~~((6))~~ (5) "Stock-eye" means an ocular stock prosthesis that has
31 not been originally manufactured or altered by the ocularist or service
32 provider selling or fitting, or both, said prosthesis to a patient or
33 customer. "Altered" means either taking away or adding materials, or
34 colorization, or otherwise changing the prosthesis' appearance,
35 function, or fit in the socket or on the implant of the patient or
36 customer.

1 diagnostic and therapeutic purposes and who performs in vivo and in
2 vitro detection and measurement of radioactivity for medical purposes
3 at the direction of a licensed practitioner.

4 (5) (~~"Advisory committee" means the Washington state radiologic~~
5 ~~technology advisory committee.~~

6 ~~(6))~~ "Approved school of radiologic technology" means a school of
7 radiologic technology approved by the council on medical education of
8 the American medical association or a school found to maintain the
9 equivalent of such a course of study as determined by the department.
10 Such school may be operated by a medical or educational institution,
11 and for the purpose of providing the requisite clinical experience,
12 shall be affiliated with one or more general hospitals.

13 ~~((7))~~ (6) "Radiologic technology" means the use of ionizing
14 radiation upon a human being for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

15 ~~((8))~~ (7) "Radiologist" means a physician certified by the
16 American board of radiology or the American osteopathic board of
17 radiology.

18 ~~((9))~~ (8) "Registered x-ray technician" means a person who is
19 registered with the department, and who applies ionizing radiation at
20 the direction of a licensed practitioner.

21 **Sec. 506.** RCW 18.84.040 and 1991 c 222 s 11 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) In addition to any other authority provided by law, the
24 secretary may (~~in consultation with the advisory committee~~):

25 (a) Adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, necessary to
26 implement this chapter;

27 (b) Set all registration, certification, and renewal fees in
28 accordance with RCW 43.70.250;

29 (c) Establish forms and procedures necessary to administer this
30 chapter;

31 (d) Evaluate and designate those schools from which graduation will
32 be accepted as proof of an applicant's eligibility to receive a
33 certificate;

34 (e) Determine whether alternative methods of training are
35 equivalent to formal education, and to establish forms, procedures, and
36 criteria for evaluation of an applicant's alternative training to
37 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive a certificate;

1 (f) Issue a certificate to any applicant who has met the education,
2 training, and conduct requirements for certification; and

3 (g) Issue a registration to an applicant who meets the requirement
4 for a registration.

5 (2) The secretary may hire clerical, administrative, and
6 investigative staff as needed to implement this chapter.

7 (3) The Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs the
8 issuance and denial of registrations and certifications, unregistered
9 and uncertified practice, and the discipline of registrants and
10 certificants under this chapter. The secretary is the disciplining
11 authority under this chapter.

12 (4) The secretary may appoint ad hoc members of the profession to
13 serve in an ad hoc advisory capacity to the secretary in carrying out
14 this chapter. The members will serve for designated times and provide
15 advice on matters specifically identified and requested by the
16 secretary. The members shall be compensated in accordance with RCW
17 43.03.220 and reimbursed for travel expenses under RCW 43.03.040 and
18 43.03.060.

19 **Sec. 507.** RCW 18.84.070 and 1991 c 3 s 208 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 The secretary, ad hoc committee members (~~(of the committee)~~), or
22 individuals acting on their behalf are immune from suit in any civil
23 action based on any certification or disciplinary proceedings or other
24 official acts performed in the course of their duties.

25 **Sec. 508.** RCW 18.84.090 and 1991 c 3 s 210 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The secretary(~~(, in consultation with the advisory committee,)~~)
28 shall establish by rule the standards and procedures for approval of
29 schools and alternate training, and may contract with individuals or
30 organizations having expertise in the profession or in education to
31 assist in evaluating those applying for approval. The standards and
32 procedures set shall apply equally to schools and training within the
33 United States and those in foreign jurisdictions.

34 **Sec. 509.** RCW 18.84.110 and 1991 c 3 s 212 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

1 **Sec. 512.** RCW 18.89.050 and 1991 c 3 s 228 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) In addition to any other authority provided by law, the
4 secretary(~~(, in consultation with the advisory committee,)~~) may:

5 (a) Adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, necessary to
6 implement this chapter;

7 (b) Set all certification, examination, and renewal fees in
8 accordance with RCW 43.70.250;

9 (c) Establish forms and procedures necessary to administer this
10 chapter;

11 (d) Issue a certificate to any applicant who has met the education,
12 training, and examination requirements for certification;

13 (e) Hire clerical, administrative, and investigative staff as
14 needed to implement this chapter and hire individuals certified under
15 this chapter to serve as examiners for any practical examinations;

16 (f) Approve those schools from which graduation will be accepted as
17 proof of an applicant's eligibility to take the certification
18 examination;

19 (g) Prepare, grade, and administer, or determine the nature of, and
20 supervise the grading and administration of, examinations for
21 applicants for certification;

22 (h) Determine whether alternative methods of training are
23 equivalent to formal education and establish forms, procedures, and
24 criteria for evaluation of an applicant's alternative training to
25 determine the applicant's eligibility to take the examination;

26 (i) Determine which states have legal credentialing requirements
27 equivalent to those of this state and issue certificates to individuals
28 legally credentialed in those states without examination; ~~((and))~~

29 (j) Define and approve any experience requirement for
30 certification; and

31 (k) Appoint members of the profession to serve in an ad hoc
32 advisory capacity to the secretary in carrying out this chapter. The
33 members will serve for designated times and provide advice on matters
34 specifically identified and requested by the secretary. The members
35 shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.220 and reimbursed
36 for travel expenses under RCW 43.03.040 and 43.03.060.

37 (2) The provisions of chapter 18.130 RCW shall govern the issuance
38 and denial of certificates, uncertified practice, and the disciplining

1 of persons certified under this chapter. The secretary shall be the
2 disciplining authority under this chapter.

3 **Sec. 513.** RCW 18.89.080 and 1991 c 3 s 231 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The secretary, ad hoc committee members (~~(of the advisory~~
6 ~~committee)~~), or individuals acting on their behalf are immune from suit
7 in any civil action based on any certification or disciplinary
8 proceedings, or other official acts performed in the course of their
9 duties.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 514.** RCW 18.89.070 and 1991 c 3 s 230 & 1987 c
11 415 s 8 are each repealed.

12 **HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS**

13 **Sec. 515.** RCW 18.135.030 and 1991 c 3 s 273 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The secretary(~~(7)~~) or the secretary's designee, with the advice of
16 designees of the (~~(board of)~~) medical (~~(examiners)~~) care quality
17 assurance commission, the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery,
18 the (~~(podiatry)~~) podiatric medical board, and the (~~(board of)~~) nursing
19 care quality assurance commission, shall adopt rules necessary to
20 administer, implement, and enforce this chapter and establish the
21 minimum requirements necessary for a health care facility or health
22 care practitioner to certify a health care assistant capable of
23 performing the functions authorized in this chapter. The rules shall
24 establish minimum requirements for each and every category of health
25 care assistant. Said rules shall be adopted after fair consideration
26 of input from representatives of each category. These requirements
27 shall ensure that the public health and welfare are protected and shall
28 include, but not be limited to, the following factors:

29 (1) The education and occupational qualifications for the health
30 care assistant category;

31 (2) The work experience for the health care assistant category;

32 (3) The instruction and training provided for the health care
33 assistant category; and

34 (4) The types of drugs or diagnostic agents which may be
35 administered by injection by health care assistants working in a

1 hospital or nursing home. The rules established pursuant to this
2 subsection shall not prohibit health care assistants working in a
3 health care facility other than a nursing home or hospital from
4 performing the functions authorized under this chapter.

5 **DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS**

6 **Sec. 516.** RCW 18.138.070 and 1991 c 3 s 284 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 In addition to any other authority provided by law, the secretary
9 may:

10 (1) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW necessary to
11 implement this chapter;

12 (2) Establish forms necessary to administer this chapter;

13 (3) Issue a certificate to an applicant who has met the
14 requirements for certification and deny a certificate to an applicant
15 who does not meet the minimum qualifications;

16 (4) Hire clerical, administrative, and investigative staff as
17 needed to implement and administer this chapter and hire individuals,
18 including those certified under this chapter, to serve as consultants
19 as necessary to implement and administer this chapter;

20 (5) Maintain the official departmental record of all applicants and
21 certificate holders;

22 (6) Conduct a hearing, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, on an appeal
23 of a denial of certification based on the applicant's failure to meet
24 the minimum qualifications for certification;

25 (7) Investigate alleged violations of this chapter and consumer
26 complaints involving the practice of persons representing themselves as
27 certified dietitians or certified nutritionists;

28 (8) Issue subpoenas, statements of charges, statements of intent to
29 deny certifications, and orders and delegate in writing to a designee
30 the authority to issue subpoenas, statements of charges, and statements
31 on intent to deny certifications;

32 (9) Conduct disciplinary proceedings, impose sanctions, and assess
33 fines for violations of this chapter or any rules adopted under it in
34 accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW;

35 (10) Set all certification, renewal, and late renewal fees in
36 accordance with RCW 43.70.250; ((and))

1 (11) Set certification expiration dates and renewal periods for all
2 certifications under this chapter; and

3 (12) Appoint members of the profession to serve in an ad hoc
4 advisory capacity to the secretary in carrying out this chapter. The
5 members will serve for designated time and provide advice on matters
6 specifically identified and requested by the secretary. The members
7 shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.220 and reimbursed
8 for travel expenses under RCW 43.03.040 and 43.03.060. The secretary,
9 ad hoc committee members, or individuals acting in their behalf are
10 immune from suit in a civil action based on any certification or
11 disciplinary proceedings or other official acts performed in the course
12 of their duties.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 517. RCW 18.138.080 and 1991 c 3 s 285 & 1988
14 c 277 s 8 are each repealed.

15 **UNIFORM DISCIPLINARY ACT**

16 **Sec. 601.** RCW 18.130.010 and 1991 c 332 s 1 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 It is the intent of the legislature to strengthen and consolidate
19 disciplinary and licensure procedures for the licensed health and
20 health-related professions and businesses by providing a uniform
21 disciplinary act with standardized procedures for the licensure of
22 health care professionals and the enforcement of laws the purpose of
23 which is to assure the public of the adequacy of professional
24 competence and conduct in the healing arts.

25 It is also the intent of the legislature that all health and
26 health-related professions newly credentialed by the state come under
27 the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

28 Further, the legislature declares that the addition of public
29 members on all health care commissions and boards can give both the
30 state and the public, which it has a statutory responsibility to
31 protect, assurances of accountability and confidence in the various
32 practices of health care.

33 **Sec. 602.** RCW 18.130.020 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 312 are each
34 amended to read as follows:

1 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
2 this section apply throughout this chapter.

3 (1) "~~Disciplining authority~~" means ~~((a) the board of medical~~
4 ~~examiners, the board of dental examiners, and the board of chiropractic~~
5 ~~examiners with respect to applicants for a license for the respective~~
6 ~~professions, (b) the medical disciplinary board, the dental~~
7 ~~disciplinary board, and the chiropractic disciplinary board with~~
8 ~~respect to holders of licenses for the respective professions, or (c))~~
9 the agency ~~((or))~~, board, or commission having the authority to take
10 disciplinary action against a holder of, or applicant for, a
11 professional or business license upon a finding of a violation of this
12 chapter or a chapter specified under RCW 18.130.040.

13 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

14 (3) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
15 designee.

16 (4) "Board" means any of those boards specified in RCW 18.130.040.

17 (5) "Commission" means any of the commissions specified in RCW
18 18.130.040.

19 (6) "Unlicensed practice" means:

20 (a) Practicing a profession or operating a business identified in
21 RCW 18.130.040 without holding a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, and
22 unsuspended license to do so; or

23 (b) Representing to a consumer, through offerings, advertisements,
24 or use of a professional title or designation, that the individual is
25 qualified to practice a profession or operate a business identified in
26 RCW 18.130.040, without holding a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, and
27 unsuspended license to do so.

28 ~~((+6))~~ (7) "Disciplinary action" means sanctions identified in RCW
29 18.130.160.

30 ~~((+7))~~ (8) "Practice review" means an investigative audit of
31 records related to the complaint, without prior identification of
32 specific patient or consumer names, to determine whether unprofessional
33 conduct may have been committed.

34 ~~((+8))~~ (9) "Health agency" means city and county health
35 departments and the department of health.

36 ~~((+9))~~ (10) "License," "licensing," and "licensure" shall be
37 deemed equivalent to the terms "license," "licensing," "licensure,"
38 "certificate," "certification," and "registration" as those terms are
39 defined in RCW 18.120.020.

1 **Sec. 603.** RCW 18.130.040 and 1993 c 367 s 4 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and
4 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions licensed
5 under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not
6 apply to any business or profession not licensed under the chapters
7 specified in this section.

8 (2)(a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation
9 to the following professions:

- 10 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed under chapter 18.34 RCW;
11 (ii) Naturopaths licensed under chapter 18.36A RCW;
12 (iii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;
13 (iv) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;
14 (v) Massage operators and businesses licensed under chapter 18.108
15 RCW;
16 (vi) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;
17 (vii) Acupuncturists certified under chapter 18.06 RCW;
18 (viii) Radiologic technologists certified and x-ray technicians
19 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;
20 (ix) Respiratory care practitioners certified under chapter 18.89
21 RCW;
22 (x) Persons registered or certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;
23 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter
24 18.52C RCW;
25 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter
26 ~~((18.88A))~~ 18.-- (sections 401 through 431 of this act) RCW;
27 (xiii) Health care assistants certified under chapter 18.135 RCW;
28 (xiv) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter 18.138
29 RCW;
30 (xv) Sex offender treatment providers certified under chapter
31 18.155 RCW; and
32 (xvi) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or RCW
33 18.71.205.
- 34 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this chapter
35 are as follows:
- 36 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22
37 RCW;

- 1 (ii) The chiropractic (~~((disciplinary board))~~) quality assurance
2 commission as established in chapter (~~((18.26 RCW governing licenses~~
3 ~~issued under chapter))~~) 18.25 RCW;
- 4 (iii) The dental (~~((disciplinary board))~~) quality assurance
5 commission as established in chapter 18.32 RCW;
- 6 (iv) The (~~((council))~~) board on fitting and dispensing of hearing
7 aids as established in chapter 18.35 RCW;
- 8 (v) The board of funeral directors and embalmers as established in
9 chapter 18.39 RCW;
- 10 (vi) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as
11 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;
- 12 (vii) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW
13 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;
- 14 (viii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as established
15 in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.57 and
16 18.57A RCW;
- 17 (ix) The board of pharmacy as established in chapter 18.64 RCW
18 governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW;
- 19 (x) The medical (~~((disciplinary board))~~) quality assurance commission
20 as established in chapter (~~((18.72))~~) 18.71 RCW governing licenses and
21 registrations issued under chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;
- 22 (xi) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74
23 RCW;
- 24 (xii) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in
25 chapter 18.59 RCW;
- 26 (xiii) The (~~((board of practical))~~) nursing care quality assurance
27 commission as established in chapter (~~((18.78))~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401
28 through 431 of this act) governing licenses issued under that chapter;
- 29 (xiv) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary
30 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;
- 31 (~~((The board of nursing as established in chapter 18.88 RCW;~~
32 ~~and~~
- 33 ~~((xvi)))~~) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter
34 18.92 RCW.
- 35 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the
36 disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny licenses
37 based on the conditions and criteria established in this chapter and
38 the chapters specified in subsection (2) of this section. (~~((However,~~
39 ~~the board of chiropractic examiners has authority over issuance and~~

1 ~~denial of licenses provided for in chapter 18.25 RCW, the board of~~
2 ~~dental examiners has authority over issuance and denial of licenses~~
3 ~~provided for in RCW 18.32.040, and the board of medical examiners has~~
4 ~~authority over issuance and denial of licenses and registrations~~
5 ~~provided for in chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW.))~~ This chapter also
6 governs any investigation, hearing, or proceeding relating to denial of
7 licensure or issuance of a license conditioned on the applicant's
8 compliance with an order entered pursuant to RCW 18.130.160 by the
9 disciplining authority.

10 **Sec. 604.** RCW 18.130.300 and 1993 c 367 s 10 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The secretary, members of the boards or commissions, or individuals
13 acting on their behalf are immune from suit in any action, civil or
14 criminal, based on any disciplinary proceedings or other official acts
15 performed in the course of their duties.

16 **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

17 **Sec. 701.** RCW 4.24.260 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 114 s 3 are each
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW(~~{,}~~), dentists
20 licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, and pharmacists licensed under
21 chapter 18.64 RCW who, in good faith, file charges or present evidence
22 against another member of their profession based on the claimed
23 incompetency or gross misconduct of such person before the medical
24 (~~disciplinary board~~) quality assurance commission established under
25 chapter (~~18.72~~) 18.71 RCW, in a proceeding under chapter 18.32 RCW,
26 or to the board of pharmacy under RCW 18.64.160 shall be immune from
27 civil action for damages arising out of such activities.

28 **Sec. 702.** RCW 4.24.290 and 1985 c 326 s 26 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 In any civil action for damages based on professional negligence
31 against a hospital which is licensed by the state of Washington or
32 against the personnel of any such hospital, or against a member of the
33 healing arts including, but not limited to, an acupuncturist certified
34 under chapter 18.06 RCW, a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW,
35 an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, a

1 chiropractor licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW, a dentist licensed under
2 chapter 18.32 RCW, a (~~podiatrist~~) podiatric physician and surgeon
3 licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, or a nurse licensed under (~~chapters~~
4 ~~18.78 or 18.88~~) chapter 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this
5 act), the plaintiff in order to prevail shall be required to prove by
6 a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant or defendants failed
7 to exercise that degree of skill, care, and learning possessed at that
8 time by other persons in the same profession, and that as a proximate
9 result of such failure the plaintiff suffered damages, but in no event
10 shall the provisions of this section apply to an action based on the
11 failure to obtain the informed consent of a patient.

12 **Sec. 703.** RCW 5.62.010 and 1987 c 198 s 1 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
15 this section apply throughout this chapter.

16 (1) "Registered nurse" means a registered nurse or advanced nurse
17 practitioner licensed under chapter (~~18.88~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401
18 through 431 of this act).

19 (2) "Protocol" means a regimen to be carried out by a registered
20 nurse and prescribed by a licensed physician under chapter 18.71 RCW,
21 or a licensed osteopathic physician under chapter 18.57 RCW, which is
22 consistent with chapter (~~18.88~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431
23 of this act) and the rules adopted under that chapter (~~18.88 RCW~~).

24 (3) "Primary care" means screening, assessment, diagnosis, and
25 treatment for the purpose of promotion of health and detection of
26 disease or injury, as authorized by chapter (~~18.88~~) 18.-- RCW
27 (sections 401 through 431 of this act) and the rules adopted under that
28 chapter (~~18.88 RCW~~).

29 **Sec. 704.** RCW 18.50.032 and 1981 c 53 s 10 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 Registered nurses and nurse midwives certified by the (~~board of~~)
32 nursing care quality assurance commission under chapter (~~18.88~~) 18.--
33 RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act) shall be exempt from the
34 requirements and provisions of this chapter.

35 **Sec. 705.** RCW 18.50.040 and 1991 c 3 s 106 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 (1) Any person seeking to be examined shall present to the
2 secretary, at least forty-five days before the commencement of the
3 examination, a written application on a form or forms provided by the
4 secretary setting forth under affidavit such information as the
5 secretary may require and proof the candidate has received a high
6 school degree or its equivalent; that the candidate is twenty-one years
7 of age or older; that the candidate has received a certificate or
8 diploma from a midwifery program accredited by the secretary and
9 licensed under chapter 28C.10 RCW, when applicable, or a certificate or
10 diploma in a foreign institution on midwifery of equal requirements
11 conferring the full right to practice midwifery in the country in which
12 it was issued. The diploma must bear the seal of the institution from
13 which the applicant was graduated. Foreign candidates must present
14 with the application a translation of the foreign certificate or
15 diploma made by and under the seal of the consulate of the country in
16 which the certificate or diploma was issued.

17 (2) The candidate shall meet the following conditions:

18 (a) Obtaining a minimum period of midwifery training for at least
19 three years including the study of the basic nursing skills that the
20 department shall prescribe by rule. However, if the applicant is a
21 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse under chapter (~~18.88 RCW,~~
22 ~~a licensed practical nurse under chapter 18.78 RCW~~) 18.-- RCW
23 (sections 401 through 431 of this act), or has had previous nursing
24 education or practical midwifery experience, the required period of
25 training may be reduced depending upon the extent of the candidate's
26 qualifications as determined under rules adopted by the department. In
27 no case shall the training be reduced to a period of less than two
28 years.

29 (b) Meeting minimum educational requirements which shall include
30 studying obstetrics; neonatal pediatrics; basic sciences; female
31 reproductive anatomy and physiology; behavioral sciences; childbirth
32 education; community care; obstetrical pharmacology; epidemiology;
33 gynecology; family planning; genetics; embryology; neonatology; the
34 medical and legal aspects of midwifery; nutrition during pregnancy and
35 lactation; breast feeding; nursing skills, including but not limited to
36 injections, administering intravenous fluids, catheterization, and
37 aseptic technique; and such other requirements prescribed by rule.

38 (c) For a student midwife during training, undertaking the care of
39 not less than fifty women in each of the prenatal, intrapartum, and

1 early postpartum periods, but the same women need not be seen through
2 all three periods. A student midwife may be issued a permit upon the
3 satisfactory completion of the requirements in (a), (b), and (c) of
4 this subsection and the satisfactory completion of the licensure
5 examination required by RCW 18.50.060. The permit permits the student
6 midwife to practice under the supervision of a midwife licensed under
7 this chapter, a physician or a certified nurse-midwife licensed under
8 the authority of chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431
9 of this act). The permit shall expire within one year of issuance and
10 may be extended as provided by rule.

11 (d) Observing an additional fifty women in the intrapartum period
12 before the candidate qualifies for a license.

13 (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the
14 department shall adopt rules to provide credit toward the educational
15 requirements for licensure before July 1, 1988, of nonlicensed
16 midwives, including rules to provide:

17 (a) Credit toward licensure for documented deliveries;

18 (b) The substitution of relevant experience for classroom time; and

19 (c) That experienced lay midwives may sit for the licensing
20 examination without completing the required coursework.

21 The training required under this section shall include training in
22 either hospitals or alternative birth settings or both with particular
23 emphasis on learning the ability to differentiate between low-risk and
24 high-risk pregnancies.

25 **Sec. 706.** RCW 18.50.140 and 1991 c 3 s 114 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The midwifery advisory committee is created.

28 The committee shall be composed of one physician who is a
29 practicing obstetrician; one practicing physician; one certified nurse
30 midwife licensed under chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401
31 through 431 of this act); three midwives licensed under this chapter;
32 and one public member, who shall have no financial interest in the
33 rendering of health services. The committee may seek other consultants
34 as appropriate, including persons trained in childbirth education and
35 perinatology or neonatology.

36 The members are appointed by the secretary and serve at the
37 pleasure of the secretary but may not serve more than five years
38 consecutively. The terms of office shall be staggered. Members of the

1 committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW
2 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 (~~as now or hereafter amended~~)).

3 **Sec. 707.** RCW 18.50.115 and 1991 c 3 s 112 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 A midwife licensed under this chapter may obtain and administer
6 prophylactic ophthalmic medication, postpartum oxytocic, vitamin K, Rho
7 immune globulin (human), and local anesthetic and may administer such
8 other drugs or medications as prescribed by a physician. A pharmacist
9 who dispenses such drugs to a licensed midwife shall not be liable for
10 any adverse reactions caused by any method of use by the midwife.

11 The secretary, after consultation with representatives of the
12 midwife advisory committee, the board of pharmacy, and the (~~board of~~)
13 medical (~~examiners~~) quality assurance commission, may (~~issue~~
14 ~~regulations which~~) adopt rules that authorize licensed midwives to
15 purchase and use legend drugs and devices in addition to the drugs
16 authorized in this chapter.

17 **Sec. 708.** RCW 18.88A.020 and 1991 c 16 s 2 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
20 this section apply throughout this chapter.

21 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

22 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

23 (3) "~~(Board)~~ Commission" means the Washington (~~state board of~~)
24 nursing care quality assurance commission.

25 (4) "Nursing assistant" means an individual, regardless of title,
26 who, under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse or
27 licensed practical nurse, assists in the delivery of nursing and
28 nursing-related activities to patients in a health care facility. The
29 two levels of nursing assistants are (a) "nursing assistant-certified,"
30 an individual certified under this chapter, (b) "nursing assistant-
31 registered," an individual registered under this chapter.

32 (5) (~~"Committee" means the Washington state nursing assistant~~
33 ~~advisory committee.~~

34 (~~6~~)) "Approved training program" means a nursing assistant-
35 certified training program approved by the (~~board~~) commission. For
36 community college, vocational-technical institutes, skill centers, and
37 secondary school as defined in chapter 28B.50 RCW, nursing assistant-

1 certified training programs shall be approved by the (~~board~~)
2 commission in cooperation with the board for community and technical
3 colleges (~~education~~) or the superintendent of public instruction.

4 (~~(7)~~) (6) "Health care facility" means a nursing home, hospital,
5 hospice care facility, home health care agency, hospice agency, or
6 other entity for delivery of health care services as defined by the
7 (~~board~~) commission.

8 (~~(8)~~) (7) "Competency evaluation" means the measurement of an
9 individual's knowledge and skills as related to safe, competent
10 performance as a nursing assistant.

11 **Sec. 709.** RCW 18.88A.030 and 1991 c 16 s 3 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) A nursing assistant may assist in the care of individuals as
14 delegated by and under the direction and supervision of a licensed
15 (registered) nurse or licensed practical nurse.

16 (2) A health care facility shall not assign a nursing assistant-
17 registered to provide care until the nursing assistant-registered has
18 demonstrated skills necessary to perform competently all assigned
19 duties and responsibilities.

20 (3) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to confer on a
21 nursing assistant the authority to administer medication or to practice
22 as a licensed (registered) nurse (~~as defined in chapter 18.88 RCW~~) or
23 licensed practical nurse as defined in chapter (~~18.78~~) 18.-- RCW
24 (sections 401 through 431 of this act).

25 (4) Certification is voluntary for nursing assistants working in
26 health care facilities other than nursing homes unless otherwise
27 required by state or federal law or regulation.

28 (5) The (~~board of nursing shall have the authority to~~) commission
29 may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this chapter.

30 **Sec. 710.** RCW 18.88A.060 and 1991 c 16 s 8 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 In addition to any other authority provided by law, the (~~state~~
33 ~~board of nursing has the authority to~~) commission may:

34 (1) Determine minimum education requirements and approve training
35 programs;

1 (2) Prepare, grade, and administer, or determine the nature of, and
2 supervise the grading and administration of, examinations of training
3 and competency for applicants for certification;

4 (3) Determine whether alternative methods of training are
5 equivalent to approved training programs, and establish forms,
6 procedures, and criteria for evaluation of an applicant's alternative
7 training to determine the applicant's eligibility to take any
8 qualifying examination for certification;

9 (4) Define and approve any experience requirement for
10 certification;

11 (5) Adopt rules implementing a continuing competency evaluation
12 program;

13 (6) Adopt rules to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of
14 this chapter.

15 **Sec. 711.** RCW 18.88A.080 and 1991 c 16 s 10 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) The secretary shall issue a registration to any applicant who
18 pays any applicable fees and submits, on forms provided by the
19 secretary, the applicant's name, address, and other information as
20 determined by the secretary, provided there are no grounds for denial
21 of registration or issuance of a conditional registration under this
22 chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW.

23 (2) Applicants must file an application with the ((board))
24 commission for registration within three days of employment.

25 **Sec. 712.** RCW 18.88A.085 and 1991 c 16 s 11 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1) After January 1, 1990, the secretary shall issue a certificate
28 to any applicant who demonstrates to the secretary's satisfaction that
29 the following requirements have been met:

30 (a) Completion of an approved training program or successful
31 completion of alternate training meeting established criteria approved
32 by the ((board)) commission; and

33 (b) Successful completion of a competency evaluation.

34 (2) In addition, applicants shall be subject to the grounds for
35 denial of certification under chapter 18.130 RCW.

1 **Sec. 713.** RCW 18.88A.090 and 1991 c 3 s 225 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The date and location of examinations shall be established by
4 the secretary. Applicants who have been found by the secretary to meet
5 the requirements for certification shall be scheduled for the next
6 examination following the filing of the application. The secretary
7 shall establish by rule the examination application deadline.

8 (2) The ((~~board~~)) commission shall examine each applicant, by a
9 written or oral and a manual component of competency evaluation.
10 Examinations shall be limited to the purpose of determining whether the
11 applicant possesses the minimum skill and knowledge necessary to
12 practice competently.

13 (3) The examination papers, all grading of the papers, and the
14 grading of skills demonstration shall be preserved for a period of not
15 less than one year after the ((~~board~~)) commission has made and
16 published the decisions. All examinations shall be conducted under
17 fair and wholly impartial methods.

18 (4) Any applicant failing to make the required grade in the first
19 examination may take up to three subsequent examinations as the
20 applicant desires upon prepaying a fee determined by the secretary
21 under RCW 43.70.250 for each subsequent examination. Upon failing four
22 examinations, the secretary may invalidate the original application and
23 require such remedial education before the person may take future
24 examinations.

25 (5) The ((~~board~~)) commission may approve an examination prepared or
26 administered by a private testing agency or association of licensing
27 agencies for use by an applicant in meeting the credentialing
28 requirements.

29 **Sec. 714.** RCW 18.88A.100 and 1991 c 16 s 12 and 1991 c 3 s 226 are
30 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

31 The secretary shall waive the competency evaluation and certify a
32 person to practice within the state of Washington if the ((~~board~~))
33 commission determines that the person meets commonly accepted standards
34 of education and experience for the nursing assistants. This section
35 applies only to those individuals who file an application for waiver by
36 December 31, 1991.

1 **Sec. 715.** RCW 18.88A.130 and 1991 c 16 s 15 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The secretary shall establish by rule the procedural requirements
4 and fees for renewal of a registration or certificate. Failure to
5 renew shall invalidate the credential and all privileges granted by the
6 credential. If a certificate has lapsed for a period longer than three
7 years, the person shall demonstrate competence to the satisfaction of
8 the ((board)) commission by taking continuing education courses, or
9 meeting other standards determined by the ((board)) commission.

10 **Sec. 716.** RCW 18.89.040 and 1987 c 415 s 5 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 A respiratory care practitioner certified under this chapter is
13 employed in the treatment, management, diagnostic testing,
14 rehabilitation, and care of patients with deficiencies and
15 abnormalities which affect the cardiopulmonary system and associated
16 aspects of other systems, and is under the direct order and under the
17 qualified medical direction of a physician. The practice of
18 respiratory care includes, but is not limited to:

19 (1) The use and administration of medical gases, exclusive of
20 general anesthesia;

21 (2) The use of air and oxygen administering apparatus;

22 (3) The use of humidification and aerosols;

23 (4) The administration of prescribed pharmacologic agents related
24 to respiratory care;

25 (5) The use of mechanical or physiological ventilatory support;

26 (6) Postural drainage, chest percussion, and vibration;

27 (7) Bronchopulmonary hygiene;

28 (8) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation as it pertains to establishing
29 airways and external cardiac compression;

30 (9) The maintenance of natural and artificial airways and
31 insertion, without cutting tissues, of artificial airways, as ordered
32 by the attending physician;

33 (10) Diagnostic and monitoring techniques such as the measurement
34 of cardiorespiratory volumes, pressures, and flows; and

35 (11) The drawing and analyzing of arterial, capillary, and mixed
36 venous blood specimens as ordered by the attending physician or an
37 advanced registered nurse practitioner as authorized by the ((board

1 of)) nursing care quality assurance commission under chapter ((18.88))
2 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act).

3 **Sec. 717.** RCW 18.100.140 and 1987 c 447 s 16 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Nothing in this chapter shall authorize a director, officer,
6 shareholder, agent or employee of a corporation organized under this
7 chapter, or a corporation itself organized under this chapter, to do or
8 perform any act which would be illegal, unethical or unauthorized
9 conduct under the provisions of the following acts: (1) (~~Medical~~
10 ~~disciplinary act~~) Physicians and surgeons, chapter ((18.72)) 18.71
11 RCW; (2) anti-rebating act, chapter 19.68 RCW; (3) state bar act,
12 chapter 2.48 RCW; (4) professional accounting act, chapter 18.04 RCW;
13 (5) professional architects act, chapter 18.08 RCW; (6) professional
14 auctioneers act, chapter 18.11 RCW; (7) cosmetologists, barbers, and
15 manicurists, chapter 18.16 RCW; (8) boarding homes act, chapter 18.20
16 RCW; (9) (~~podiatry~~) podiatric medicine and surgery, chapter 18.22
17 RCW; (10) chiropractic act, chapter 18.25 RCW; (11) registration of
18 contractors, chapter 18.27 RCW; (12) debt adjusting act, chapter 18.28
19 RCW; (13) dental hygienist act, chapter 18.29 RCW; (14) dentistry,
20 chapter 18.32 RCW; (15) dispensing opticians, chapter 18.34 RCW; (16)
21 naturopathic (~~act~~) physicians, chapter 18.36A RCW; (17) embalmers and
22 funeral directors, chapter 18.39 RCW; (18) engineers and land
23 surveyors, chapter 18.43 RCW; (19) escrow agents registration act,
24 chapter 18.44 RCW; (20) maternity homes, chapter 18.46 RCW; (21)
25 midwifery, chapter 18.50 RCW; (22) nursing homes, chapter 18.51 RCW;
26 (23) optometry, chapter 18.53 RCW; (24) (~~osteopathy~~) osteopathic
27 physicians and surgeons, chapter 18.57 RCW; (25) pharmacists, chapter
28 18.64 RCW; (26) physical therapy, chapter 18.74 RCW; (27) registered
29 nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and practical nurses,
30 chapter ((18.78)) 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act);
31 (28) psychologists, chapter 18.83 RCW; (29) real estate brokers and
32 salesmen, chapter 18.85 RCW; (30) (~~registered professional nurses,~~
33 ~~chapter 18.88 RCW; (31)~~) veterinarians, chapter 18.92 RCW.

34 **Sec. 718.** RCW 18.120.020 and 1989 c 300 s 14 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 The definitions contained in this section shall apply throughout
37 this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Applicant group" includes any health professional group or
2 organization, any individual, or any other interested party which
3 proposes that any health professional group not presently regulated be
4 regulated or which proposes to substantially increase the scope of
5 practice of the profession.

6 (2) "Certificate" and "certification" mean a voluntary process by
7 which a statutory regulatory entity grants recognition to an individual
8 who (a) has met certain prerequisite qualifications specified by that
9 regulatory entity, and (b) may assume or use "certified" in the title
10 or designation to perform prescribed health professional tasks.

11 (3) "Grandfather clause" means a provision in a regulatory statute
12 applicable to practitioners actively engaged in the regulated health
13 profession prior to the effective date of the regulatory statute which
14 exempts the practitioners from meeting the prerequisite qualifications
15 set forth in the regulatory statute to perform prescribed occupational
16 tasks.

17 (4) "Health professions" means and includes the following health
18 and health-related licensed or regulated professions and occupations:
19 (~~Podiatry~~) Podiatric medicine and surgery under chapter 18.22 RCW;
20 chiropractic under chapter ~~(§)~~ 18.25 ~~((and 18.26 RCW))~~; dental hygiene
21 under chapter 18.29 RCW; dentistry under chapter 18.32 RCW; dispensing
22 opticians under chapter 18.34 RCW; hearing aids under chapter 18.35
23 RCW; naturopaths under chapter 18.36A RCW; embalming and funeral
24 directing under chapter 18.39 RCW; midwifery under chapter 18.50 RCW;
25 nursing home administration under chapter 18.52 RCW; optometry under
26 chapters 18.53 and 18.54 RCW; ocularists under chapter 18.55 RCW;
27 osteopathy and osteopathic medicine and surgery under chapters 18.57
28 and 18.57A RCW; pharmacy under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW; medicine
29 under chapters 18.71~~((7))~~ and 18.71A~~((7, and 18.72))~~ RCW; emergency
30 medicine under chapter 18.73 RCW; physical therapy under chapter 18.74
31 RCW; practical nurses under chapter ~~((18.78))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401
32 through 431 of this act); psychologists under chapter 18.83 RCW;
33 registered nurses under chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401
34 through 431 of this act); occupational therapists licensed ~~((pursuant~~
35 ~~to))~~ under chapter 18.59 RCW; respiratory care practitioners certified
36 under chapter 18.89 RCW; veterinarians and animal technicians under
37 chapter 18.92 RCW; health care assistants under chapter 18.135 RCW;
38 massage practitioners under chapter 18.108 RCW; acupuncturists
39 certified under chapter 18.06 RCW; persons registered or certified

1 under chapter 18.19 RCW; dietitians and nutritionists certified by
2 chapter 18.138 RCW; radiologic technicians under chapter 18.84 RCW; and
3 nursing assistants registered or certified under chapter 18.88A RCW.

4 (5) "Inspection" means the periodic examination of practitioners by
5 a state agency in order to ascertain whether the practitioners'
6 occupation is being carried out in a fashion consistent with the public
7 health, safety, and welfare.

8 (6) "Legislative committees of reference" means the standing
9 legislative committees designated by the respective rules committees of
10 the senate and house of representatives to consider proposed
11 legislation to regulate health professions not previously regulated.

12 (7) "License," "licensing," and "licensure" mean permission to
13 engage in a health profession which would otherwise be unlawful in the
14 state in the absence of the permission. A license is granted to those
15 individuals who meet prerequisite qualifications to perform prescribed
16 health professional tasks and for the use of a particular title.

17 (8) "Professional license" means an individual, nontransferable
18 authorization to carry on a health activity based on qualifications
19 which include: (a) Graduation from an accredited or approved program,
20 and (b) acceptable performance on a qualifying examination or series of
21 examinations.

22 (9) "Practitioner" means an individual who (a) has achieved
23 knowledge and skill by practice, and (b) is actively engaged in a
24 specified health profession.

25 (10) "Public member" means an individual who is not, and never was,
26 a member of the health profession being regulated or the spouse of a
27 member, or an individual who does not have and never has had a material
28 financial interest in either the rendering of the health professional
29 service being regulated or an activity directly related to the
30 profession being regulated.

31 (11) "Registration" means the formal notification which, prior to
32 rendering services, a practitioner shall submit to a state agency
33 setting forth the name and address of the practitioner; the location,
34 nature and operation of the health activity to be practiced; and, if
35 required by the regulatory entity, a description of the service to be
36 provided.

37 (12) "Regulatory entity" means any board, commission, agency,
38 division, or other unit or subunit of state government which regulates

1 one or more professions, occupations, industries, businesses, or other
2 endeavors in this state.

3 (13) "State agency" includes every state office, department, board,
4 commission, regulatory entity, and agency of the state, and, where
5 provided by law, programs and activities involving less than the full
6 responsibility of a state agency.

7 **Sec. 719.** RCW 18.135.020 and 1991 c 3 s 272 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 As used in this chapter:

10 (1) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

11 (2) "Health care assistant" means an unlicensed person who assists
12 a licensed health care practitioner in providing health care to
13 patients pursuant to this chapter.

14 (3) "Health care practitioner" means:

15 (a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW;

16 (b) An osteopathic physician or surgeon licensed under chapter
17 18.57 RCW; or

18 (c) Acting within the scope of their respective licensure, a
19 (~~podiatrist~~) podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter
20 18.22 RCW or a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse
21 practitioner licensed under chapter (~~18.88~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401
22 through 431 of this act).

23 (4) "Supervision" means supervision of procedures permitted
24 pursuant to this chapter by a health care practitioner who is
25 physically present and is immediately available in the facility during
26 the administration of injections, as defined in this chapter, but need
27 not be present during procedures to withdraw blood.

28 (5) "Health care facility" means any hospital, hospice care center,
29 licensed or certified health care facility, health maintenance
30 organization regulated under chapter 48.46 RCW, federally qualified
31 health maintenance organization, renal dialysis center or facility
32 federally approved under 42 C.F.R. 405.2100, blood bank federally
33 licensed under 21 C.F.R. 607, or clinical laboratory certified under 20
34 C.F.R. 405.1301-16.

35 (6) "Delegation" means direct authorization granted by a licensed
36 health care practitioner to a health care assistant to perform the
37 functions authorized in this chapter which fall within the scope of

1 practice of the delegator and which are not within the scope of
2 practice of the delegatee.

3 **Sec. 720.** RCW 28A.210.260 and 1982 c 195 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Public school districts and private schools which conduct any of
6 grades kindergarten through the twelfth grade may provide for the
7 administration of oral medication of any nature to students who are in
8 the custody of the school district or school at the time of
9 administration, but are not required to do so by this section, subject
10 to the following conditions:

11 (1) The board of directors of the public school district or the
12 governing board of the private school or, if none, the chief
13 administrator of the private school shall adopt policies which address
14 the designation of employees who may administer oral medications to
15 students, the acquisition of parent requests and instructions, and the
16 acquisition of dentist and physician requests and instructions
17 regarding students who require medication for more than fifteen
18 consecutive school days, the identification of the medication to be
19 administered, the means of safekeeping medications with special
20 attention given to the safeguarding of legend drugs as defined in
21 chapter 69.41 RCW, and the means of maintaining a record of the
22 administration of such medication;

23 (2) The board of directors shall seek advice from one or more
24 licensed physicians or nurses in the course of developing the foregoing
25 policies;

26 (3) The public school district or private school is in receipt of
27 a written, current and unexpired request from a parent, or a legal
28 guardian, or other person having legal control over the student to
29 administer the medication to the student;

30 (4) The public school district or the private school is in receipt
31 of (a) a written, current and unexpired request from a licensed
32 physician or dentist for administration of the medication, as there
33 exists a valid health reason which makes administration of such
34 medication advisable during the hours when school is in session or the
35 hours in which the student is under the supervision of school
36 officials, and (b) written, current and unexpired instructions from
37 such physician or dentist regarding the administration of prescribed

1 medication to students who require medication for more than fifteen
2 consecutive work days;

3 (5) The medication is administered by an employee designated by or
4 pursuant to the policies adopted pursuant to subsection (1) of this
5 section and in substantial compliance with the prescription of a
6 physician or dentist or the written instructions provided pursuant to
7 subsection (4) of this section;

8 (6) The medication is first examined by the employee administering
9 the same to determine in his or her judgment that it appears to be in
10 the original container and to be properly labeled; and

11 (7) The board of directors shall designate a professional person
12 licensed pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW or (~~18.88~~) chapter 18.-- RCW
13 (sections 401 through 431 of this act) as it applies to registered
14 nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners, to train and
15 supervise the designated school district personnel in proper medication
16 procedures.

17 **Sec. 721.** RCW 28A.210.280 and 1988 c 48 s 2 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) Public school districts and private schools that offer classes
20 for any of grades kindergarten through twelve may provide for clean,
21 intermittent bladder catheterization of students, or assisted self-
22 catheterization of students pursuant to (~~RCW 18.88.295:—PROVIDED,~~
23 ~~That~~) section 429 of this act, if the catheterization is provided for
24 in substantial compliance with:

25 (a) Rules adopted by the state (~~board of~~) nursing care quality
26 assurance commission and the instructions of a registered nurse or
27 advanced registered nurse practitioner issued under such rules; and

28 (b) Written policies of the school district or private school which
29 shall be adopted in order to implement this section and shall be
30 developed in accordance with such requirements of chapters 41.56 and
31 41.59 RCW as may be applicable.

32 (2) This section does not require school districts to provide
33 intermittent bladder catheterization of students.

34 **Sec. 722.** RCW 28A.210.290 and 1990 c 33 s 209 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) In the event a school employee provides for the catheterization
37 of a student pursuant to RCW (~~18.88.295~~) 18.--.-- (section 429 of

1 this act) and 28A.210.280 in substantial compliance with (a) rules
2 adopted by the state (~~board of~~) nursing care quality assurance
3 commission and the instructions of a registered nurse or advanced
4 registered nurse practitioner issued under such rules, and (b) written
5 policies of the school district or private school, then the employee,
6 the employee's school district or school of employment, and the members
7 of the governing board and chief administrator thereof shall not be
8 liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in their individual,
9 marital, governmental, corporate, or other capacity as a result of
10 providing for the catheterization.

11 (2) Providing for the catheterization of any student pursuant to
12 RCW (~~18.88.295~~) 18.---.--- (section 429 of this act) and 28A.210.280
13 may be discontinued by a public school district or private school and
14 the school district or school, its employees, its chief administrator,
15 and members of its governing board shall not be liable in any criminal
16 action or for civil damages in their individual, marital, governmental,
17 corporate, or other capacity as a result of the discontinuance:
18 PROVIDED, That the chief administrator of the public school district or
19 private school, or his or her designee, has first provided actual
20 notice orally or in writing in advance of the date of discontinuance to
21 a parent or legal guardian of the student or other person having legal
22 control over the student: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the public school
23 district otherwise provides for the catheterization of the student to
24 the extent required by federal or state law.

25 **Sec. 723.** RCW 28C.10.030 and 1990 c 188 s 6 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 This chapter does not apply to:

28 (1) Bona fide trade, business, professional, or fraternal
29 organizations sponsoring educational programs primarily for that
30 organization's membership or offered by that organization on a no-fee
31 basis;

32 (2) Entities offering education that is exclusively avocational or
33 recreational;

34 (3) Education not requiring payment of money or other consideration
35 if this education is not advertised or promoted as leading toward
36 educational credentials;

37 (4) Entities that are established, operated, and governed by this
38 state or its political subdivisions under Title 28A, 28B, or 28C RCW;

1 (5) Degree-granting programs in compliance with the rules of the
2 higher education coordinating board;

3 (6) Any other entity to the extent that it has been exempted from
4 some or all of the provisions of this chapter under RCW 28C.10.100;

5 (7) Entities not otherwise exempt that are of a religious
6 character, but only as to those educational programs exclusively
7 devoted to religious or theological objectives and represented
8 accurately in institutional catalogs or other official publications;

9 (8) Entities offering only courses certified by the federal
10 aviation administration;

11 (9) Barber and cosmetology schools licensed under chapter 18.16
12 RCW;

13 (10) Entities which only offer courses approved to meet the
14 continuing education requirements for licensure under chapter(~~(§)~~)
15 18.04, (~~(18.78, 18.88)~~) 18.-- (sections 401 through 431 of this act),
16 or 48.17 RCW; and

17 (11) Entities not otherwise exempt offering only workshops or
18 seminars lasting no longer than three calendar days.

19 **Sec. 724.** RCW 41.05.075 and 1993 c 386 s 10 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) The administrator shall provide benefit plans designed by the
22 board through a contract or contracts with insuring entities, through
23 self-funding, self-insurance, or other methods of providing insurance
24 coverage authorized by RCW 41.05.140.

25 (2) The administrator shall establish a contract bidding process
26 that encourages competition among insuring entities, is timely to the
27 state budgetary process, and sets conditions for awarding contracts to
28 any insuring entity.

29 (3) The administrator shall establish a requirement for review of
30 utilization and financial data from participating insuring entities on
31 a quarterly basis.

32 (4) The administrator shall centralize the enrollment files for all
33 employee and retired or disabled school employee health plans offered
34 under chapter 41.05 RCW and develop enrollment demographics on a plan-
35 specific basis.

36 (5) The administrator shall establish methods for collecting,
37 analyzing, and disseminating to covered individuals information on the

1 cost and quality of services rendered by individual health care
2 providers.

3 (6) All claims data shall be the property of the state. The
4 administrator may require of any insuring entity that submits a bid to
5 contract for coverage all information deemed necessary to fulfill the
6 administrator's duties as set forth in this chapter.

7 (7) All contracts with insuring entities for the provision of
8 health care benefits shall provide that the beneficiaries of such
9 benefit plans may use on an equal participation basis the services of
10 practitioners licensed pursuant to chapters 18.22, 18.25, 18.32, 18.53,
11 18.57, 18.71, 18.74, 18.83, and ~~((18.88 RCW))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401
12 through 431 of this act), as it applies to registered nurses and
13 advanced registered nurse practitioners. However, nothing in this
14 subsection may preclude the administrator from establishing appropriate
15 utilization controls approved pursuant to RCW 41.05.065(2) (a)~~((+i))~~,
16 (b), and (d).

17 (8) Beginning in January 1990, and each January thereafter, the
18 administrator shall publish and distribute to each school district a
19 description of health care benefit plans available through the
20 authority and the estimated cost if school district employees were
21 enrolled.

22 **Sec. 725.** RCW 41.05.180 and 1989 c 338 s 5 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Each health plan offered to public employees and their covered
25 dependents under this chapter that is not subject to the provisions of
26 Title 48 RCW and is established or renewed after January 1, 1990, and
27 that provides benefits for hospital or medical care shall provide
28 benefits for screening or diagnostic mammography services, provided
29 that such services are delivered upon the recommendation of the
30 patient's physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner as
31 authorized by the ~~((board of))~~ nursing care quality assurance
32 commission pursuant to chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401
33 through 431 of this act) or physician~~((s))~~ assistant pursuant to
34 chapter 18.71A RCW.

35 This section shall not be construed to prevent the application of
36 standard health plan provisions applicable to other benefits such as
37 deductible or copayment provisions. This section does not limit the
38 authority of the state health care authority to negotiate rates and

1 contract with specific providers for the delivery of mammography
2 services. This section shall not apply to medicare supplement policies
3 or supplemental contracts covering a specified disease or other limited
4 benefits.

5 **Sec. 726.** RCW 42.17.316 and 1987 c 416 s 7 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The disclosure requirements of this chapter shall not apply to
8 records of the committee obtained in an action under RCW 18.72.301
9 through 18.72.321 (as recodified by this act).

10 **Sec. 727.** RCW 43.70.220 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 301 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 The powers and duties of the department of licensing and the
13 director of licensing under the following statutes are hereby
14 transferred to the department of health and the secretary of health:
15 Chapters 18.06, 18.19, 18.22, 18.25, ~~((18.26))~~ 18.29, 18.32, 18.34,
16 18.35, 18.36A, 18.50, 18.52, ~~((18.52A, 18.52B))~~ 18.52C, 18.53, 18.54,
17 18.55, 18.57, 18.57A, 18.59, 18.71, 18.71A, ~~((18.72))~~ 18.74,
18 ~~((18.78))~~ 18.83, 18.84, ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- (sections 401 through 431 of
19 this act), 18.89, 18.92, 18.108, 18.135, and 18.138 RCW. More
20 specifically, the health professions regulatory programs and services
21 presently administered by the department of licensing are hereby
22 transferred to the department of health.

23 **Sec. 728.** RCW 48.20.393 and 1989 c 338 s 1 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Each disability insurance policy issued or renewed after January 1,
26 1990, that provides coverage for hospital or medical expenses shall
27 provide coverage for screening or diagnostic mammography services,
28 provided that such services are delivered upon the recommendation of
29 the patient's physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner as
30 authorized by the ~~((board of))~~ nursing care quality assurance
31 commission pursuant to chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401
32 through 431 of this act) or physician~~((s))~~ assistant pursuant to
33 chapter 18.71A RCW.

34 This section shall not be construed to prevent the application of
35 standard policy provisions applicable to other benefits such as
36 deductible or copayment provisions. This section does not limit the

1 authority of an insurer to negotiate rates and contract with specific
2 providers for the delivery of mammography services. This section shall
3 not apply to medicare supplement policies or supplemental contracts
4 covering a specified disease or other limited benefits.

5 **Sec. 729.** RCW 48.20.411 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 188 s 3 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any provision of any disability insurance contract
8 as provided for in this chapter, benefits shall not be denied
9 thereunder for any health care service performed by a holder of a
10 license for registered nursing practice or advanced registered nursing
11 practice issued pursuant to chapter ((18.88)) 18.-- RCW (sections 401
12 through 431 of this act) if (1) the service performed was within the
13 lawful scope of such person's license, and (2) such contract would have
14 provided benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a
15 license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That
16 no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits
17 under this section.

18 The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and
19 procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any
20 existing contract.

21 **Sec. 730.** RCW 48.21.141 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 188 s 4 are each
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Notwithstanding any provision of any group disability insurance
24 contract or blanket disability insurance contract as provided for in
25 this chapter, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any health
26 service performed by a holder of a license for registered nursing
27 practice or advanced registered nursing practice issued pursuant to
28 chapter ((18.88)) 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act) if
29 (1) the service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's
30 license, and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such
31 service had been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to
32 chapter 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter
33 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits under this section.

34 The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and
35 procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any
36 existing contract.

1 **Sec. 731.** RCW 48.21.225 and 1989 c 338 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Each group disability insurance policy issued or renewed after
4 January 1, 1990, that provides coverage for hospital or medical
5 expenses shall provide coverage for screening or diagnostic mammography
6 services, provided that such services are delivered upon the
7 recommendation of the patient's physician or advanced registered nurse
8 practitioner as authorized by the ((board of)) nursing care quality
9 assurance commission pursuant to chapter ((18.88)) 18.-- RCW (sections
10 401 through 431 of this act) or physician((-s)) assistant pursuant to
11 chapter 18.71A RCW.

12 This section shall not be construed to prevent the application of
13 standard policy provisions applicable to other benefits such as
14 deductible or copayment provisions. This section does not limit the
15 authority of an insurer to negotiate rates and contract with specific
16 providers for the delivery of mammography services. This section shall
17 not apply to medicare supplement policies or supplemental contracts
18 covering a specified disease or other limited benefits.

19 **Sec. 732.** RCW 48.44.026 and 1990 c 120 s 6 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Checks in payment for claims pursuant to any health care service
22 contract for health care services provided by persons licensed or
23 regulated under chapters ((18.22,)) 18.25, 18.29, 18.32, 18.53, 18.57,
24 18.64, 18.71, 18.73, 18.74, 18.83, or ((18.88 RCW)) 18.-- RCW (sections
25 401 through 431 of this act), as it applies to registered nurses and
26 advanced registered nurse practitioners, where the provider is not a
27 participating provider under a contract with the health care service
28 contractor, shall be made out to both the provider and the enrolled
29 participant with the provider as the first named payee, jointly, to
30 require endorsement by each: PROVIDED, That payment shall be made in
31 the single name of the enrolled participant if the enrolled participant
32 as part of his or her claim furnishes evidence of prepayment to the
33 health care service provider: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in
34 this section shall preclude a health care service contractor from
35 voluntarily issuing payment in the single name of the provider.

36 **Sec. 733.** RCW 48.44.290 and 1986 c 223 s 6 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, for any health care
2 service contract thereunder which is entered into or renewed after July
3 26, 1981, benefits shall not be denied under such contract for any
4 health care service performed by a holder of a license for registered
5 nursing practice or advanced registered nursing practice issued
6 pursuant to chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of
7 this act) if (1) the service performed was within the lawful scope of
8 such person's license, and (2) such contract would have provided
9 benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a license
10 issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no
11 provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits under
12 this section.

13 The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and
14 procedural to the extent that they do not impair the obligation of any
15 existing contract.

16 **Sec. 734.** RCW 48.44.325 and 1989 c 338 s 3 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Each health care service contract issued or renewed after January
19 1, 1990, that provides benefits for hospital or medical care shall
20 provide benefits for screening or diagnostic mammography services,
21 provided that such services are delivered upon the recommendation of
22 the patient's physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner as
23 authorized by the ~~((board of))~~ nursing care quality assurance
24 commission pursuant to chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401
25 through 431 of this act) or physician~~((s))~~ assistant pursuant to
26 chapter 18.71A RCW.

27 This section shall not be construed to prevent the application of
28 standard contract provisions applicable to other benefits such as
29 deductible or copayment provisions. This section does not limit the
30 authority of a contractor to negotiate rates and contract with specific
31 providers for the delivery of mammography services. This section shall
32 not apply to medicare supplement policies or supplemental contracts
33 covering a specified disease or other limited benefits.

34 **Sec. 735.** RCW 48.46.275 and 1989 c 338 s 4 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 Each health maintenance agreement issued or renewed after January
37 1, 1990, that provides benefits for hospital or medical care shall

1 provide benefits for screening or diagnostic mammography services,
2 provided that such services are delivered upon the recommendation of
3 the patient's physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner as
4 authorized by the (~~board of~~) nursing care quality assurance
5 commission pursuant to chapter (~~18.88~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401
6 through 431 of this act) or physician(~~s~~) assistant pursuant to
7 chapter 18.71A RCW.

8 All services must be provided by the health maintenance
9 organization or rendered upon referral by the health maintenance
10 organization. This section shall not be construed to prevent the
11 application of standard agreement provisions applicable to other
12 benefits such as deductible or copayment provisions. This section does
13 not limit the authority of a health maintenance organization to
14 negotiate rates and contract with specific providers for the delivery
15 of mammography services. This section shall not apply to medicare
16 supplement policies or supplemental contracts covering a specified
17 disease or other limited benefits.

18 **Sec. 736.** RCW 69.41.010 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 426 and 1989 c 36
19 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

20 As used in this chapter, the following terms (~~has [have]~~) have
21 the (~~meaning[s]~~) meanings indicated unless the context clearly
22 requires otherwise:

23 (1) "Administer" means the direct application of a legend drug
24 whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the
25 body of a patient or research subject by:

26 (a) A practitioner; or

27 (b) The patient or research subject at the direction of the
28 practitioner.

29 (2) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or
30 attempted transfer from one person to another of a legend drug, whether
31 or not there is an agency relationship.

32 (3) "Department" means the department of health.

33 (4) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or order
34 for a legend drug and, pursuant to that prescription or order, the
35 proper selection, measuring, compounding, labeling, or packaging
36 necessary to prepare that prescription or order for delivery.

37 (5) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

1 (6) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or
2 dispensing a legend drug.

3 (7) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

4 (8) "Drug" means:

5 (a) Substances recognized as drugs in the official United States
6 pharmacopoeia, official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States,
7 or official national formulary, or any supplement to any of them;

8 (b) Substances intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation,
9 treatment, or prevention of disease in man or animals;

10 (c) Substances (other than food, minerals or vitamins) intended to
11 affect the structure or any function of the body of man or animals; and

12 (d) Substances intended for use as a component of any article
13 specified in clause (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection. It does not
14 include devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

15 (9) "Legend drugs" means any drugs which are required by state law
16 or regulation of the state board of pharmacy to be dispensed on
17 prescription only or are restricted to use by practitioners only.

18 (10) "Person" means individual, corporation, government or
19 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust,
20 partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

21 (11) "Practitioner" means:

22 (a) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician
23 or an osteopathic physician and surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW, a
24 dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a (~~podiatrist~~) podiatric physician
25 and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW, a veterinarian under chapter 18.92
26 RCW, a registered nurse (~~under chapter 18.88 RCW, a~~), advanced
27 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse under
28 chapter (~~18.78~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act), an
29 optometrist under chapter 18.53 RCW who is certified by the optometry
30 board under RCW 18.53.010, an osteopathic physician(~~s~~) assistant
31 under chapter 18.57A RCW, (~~or~~) a physician(~~s~~) assistant under
32 chapter 18.71A RCW, or a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW;

33 (b) A pharmacy, hospital, or other institution licensed,
34 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct
35 research with respect to, or to administer a legend drug in the course
36 of professional practice or research in this state; and

37 (c) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a
38 physician licensed to practice osteopathy and surgery in any state, or

1 province of Canada, which shares a common border with the state of
2 Washington.

3 (12) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
4 designee.

5 **Sec. 737.** RCW 69.41.030 and 1991 c 30 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, deliver, or possess
8 any legend drug except upon the order or prescription of a physician
9 under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician or an osteopathic
10 physician and surgeon under chapter 18.57 RCW, a dentist under chapter
11 18.32 RCW, a podiatric physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW,
12 a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW, a commissioned medical or
13 dental officer in the United States armed forces or public health
14 service in the discharge of his or her official duties, a duly licensed
15 physician or dentist employed by the veterans administration in the
16 discharge of his or her official duties, a registered nurse or advanced
17 registered nurse practitioner under chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW
18 (sections 401 through 431 of this act) when authorized by the ~~((board~~
19 ~~of))~~ nursing care quality assurance commission, an osteopathic
20 physician~~((s))~~ assistant under chapter 18.57A RCW when authorized by
21 the committee of osteopathic examiners, a physician assistant under
22 chapter 18.71A RCW when authorized by the ~~((board—of))~~ medical
23 ~~((examiners))~~ quality assurance commission, a physician licensed to
24 practice medicine and surgery or a physician licensed to practice
25 osteopathy and surgery, a dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a
26 podiatric physician and surgeon licensed to practice podiatric medicine
27 and surgery, or a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary
28 medicine, in any province of Canada which shares a common border with
29 the state of Washington or in any state of the United States:
30 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the above provisions shall not apply to sale,
31 delivery, or possession by drug wholesalers or drug manufacturers, or
32 their agents or employees, or to any practitioner acting within the
33 scope of his or her license, or to a common or contract carrier or
34 warehouseman, or any employee thereof, whose possession of any legend
35 drug is in the usual course of business or employment: PROVIDED
36 FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter or chapter 18.64 RCW shall
37 prevent a family planning clinic that is under contract with the
38 department of social and health services from selling, delivering,

1 possessing, and dispensing commercially prepackaged oral contraceptives
2 prescribed by authorized, licensed health care practitioners.

3 **Sec. 738.** RCW 69.45.010 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 444 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

6 (1) "Board" means the board of pharmacy.

7 (2) "Drug samples" means any federal food and drug administration
8 approved controlled substance, legend drug, or products requiring
9 prescriptions in this state, which is distributed at no charge to a
10 practitioner by a manufacturer or a manufacturer's representative,
11 exclusive of drugs under clinical investigations approved by the
12 federal food and drug administration.

13 (3) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate
14 precursor of such drug or substance, so designated under or pursuant to
15 chapter 69.50 RCW, the uniform controlled substances act.

16 (4) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or
17 attempted transfer from one person to another of a drug or device,
18 whether or not there is an agency relationship.

19 (5) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or order
20 for a drug, biological, or device and, pursuant to that prescription or
21 order, the proper selection, measuring, compounding, labeling, or
22 packaging necessary to prepare that prescription or order for delivery.

23 (6) "Distribute" means to deliver, other than by administering or
24 dispensing, a legend drug.

25 (7) "Legend drug" means any drug that is required by state law or
26 by regulations of the board to be dispensed on prescription only or is
27 restricted to use by practitioners only.

28 (8) "Manufacturer" means a person or other entity engaged in the
29 manufacture or distribution of drugs or devices, but does not include
30 a manufacturer's representative.

31 (9) "Person" means any individual, corporation, government or
32 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust,
33 partnership, association, or any other legal entity.

34 (10) "Practitioner" means a physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an
35 osteopathic physician or an osteopathic physician and surgeon under
36 chapter 18.57 RCW, a dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a (~~podiatrist~~)
37 podiatric physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW, a veterinarian
38 under chapter 18.92 RCW, a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW, a

1 commissioned medical or dental officer in the United States armed
2 forces or the public health service in the discharge of his or her
3 official duties, a duly licensed physician or dentist employed by the
4 veterans administration in the discharge of his or her official duties,
5 a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner under
6 chapter ~~((18.88))~~ 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act) when
7 authorized to prescribe by the ~~((board of))~~ nursing care quality
8 assurance commission, an osteopathic ~~((physician's))~~ physician
9 assistant under chapter 18.57A RCW when authorized by the board of
10 osteopathic medicine and surgery, or a ~~((physician's))~~ physician
11 assistant under chapter 18.71A RCW when authorized by the ~~((board of))~~
12 medical ~~((examiners))~~ quality assurance commission.

13 (11) "Manufacturer's representative" means an agent or employee of
14 a drug manufacturer who is authorized by the drug manufacturer to
15 possess drug samples for the purpose of distribution in this state to
16 appropriately authorized health care practitioners.

17 (12) "Reasonable cause" means a state of facts found to exist that
18 would warrant a reasonably intelligent and prudent person to believe
19 that a person has violated state or federal drug laws or regulations.

20 (13) "Department" means the department of health.

21 (14) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
22 designee.

23 **Sec. 739.** RCW 69.50.101 and 1993 c 187 s 1 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, definitions of terms
26 shall be as indicated where used in this chapter:

27 (a) "Administer" means to apply a controlled substance, whether by
28 injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, directly to the
29 body of a patient or research subject by:

30 (1) a practitioner authorized to prescribe (or, by the
31 practitioner's authorized agent); or

32 (2) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the
33 presence of the practitioner.

34 (b) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at
35 the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser. It does
36 not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseperson, or
37 employee of the carrier or warehouseperson.

38 (c) "Board" means the state board of pharmacy.

1 (d) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate
2 precursor included in Schedules I through V as set forth in federal or
3 state laws, or federal or board rules.

4 (e)(1) "Controlled substance analog" means a substance the chemical
5 structure of which is substantially similar to the chemical structure
6 of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and:

7 (i) that has a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on
8 the central nervous system substantially similar to the stimulant,
9 depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of
10 a controlled substance included in Schedule I or II; or

11 (ii) with respect to a particular individual, that the individual
12 represents or intends to have a stimulant, depressant, or
13 hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system substantially
14 similar to the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the
15 central nervous system of a controlled substance included in Schedule
16 I or II.

17 (2) The term does not include:

18 (i) a controlled substance;

19 (ii) a substance for which there is an approved new drug
20 application;

21 (iii) a substance with respect to which an exemption is in effect
22 for investigational use by a particular person under Section 505 of the
23 federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 355, to the extent
24 conduct with respect to the substance is pursuant to the exemption; or

25 (iv) any substance to the extent not intended for human consumption
26 before an exemption takes effect with respect to the substance.

27 (f) "Deliver" or "delivery," means the actual or constructive
28 transfer from one person to another of a substance, whether or not
29 there is an agency relationship.

30 (g) "Department" means the department of health.

31 (h) "Dispense" means the interpretation of a prescription or order
32 for a controlled substance and, pursuant to that prescription or order,
33 the proper selection, measuring, compounding, labeling, or packaging
34 necessary to prepare that prescription or order for delivery.

35 (i) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

36 (j) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or
37 dispensing a controlled substance.

38 (k) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

1 (1) "Drug" means (1) a controlled substance recognized as a drug in
2 the official United States pharmacopoeia/national formulary or the
3 official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the United States, or any
4 supplement to them; (2) controlled substances intended for use in the
5 diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in
6 individuals or animals; (3) controlled substances (other than food)
7 intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of
8 individuals or animals; and (4) controlled substances intended for use
9 as a component of any article specified in (1), (2), or (3) of this
10 subsection. The term does not include devices or their components,
11 parts, or accessories.

12 (m) "Drug enforcement administration" means the drug enforcement
13 administration in the United States Department of Justice, or its
14 successor agency.

15 (n) "Immediate precursor" means a substance:

16 (1) that the state board of pharmacy has found to be and by rule
17 designates as being the principal compound commonly used, or produced
18 primarily for use, in the manufacture of a controlled substance;

19 (2) that is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be
20 used in the manufacture of a controlled substance; and

21 (3) the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit
22 the manufacture of the controlled substance.

23 (o) "Isomer" means an optical isomer, but in RCW 69.50.101(r)(5),
24 69.50.204(a) (12) and (34), and 69.50.206(a)(4), the term includes any
25 geometrical isomer; in RCW 69.50.204(a) (8) and (42), and 69.50.210(c)
26 the term includes any positional isomer; and in RCW 69.50.204(a)(35),
27 69.50.204(c), and 69.50.208(a) the term includes any positional or
28 geometric isomer.

29 (p) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation,
30 compounding, conversion, or processing of a controlled substance,
31 either directly or indirectly or by extraction from substances of
32 natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by
33 a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any
34 packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of
35 its container. The term does not include the preparation, compounding,
36 packaging, repackaging, labeling, or relabeling of a controlled
37 substance:

1 (1) by a practitioner as an incident to the practitioner's
2 administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in the course of
3 the practitioner's professional practice; or

4 (2) by a practitioner, or by the practitioner's authorized agent
5 under the practitioner's supervision, for the purpose of, or as an
6 incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for sale.

7 (q) "Marijuana" or "marihuana" means all parts of the plant
8 Cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin
9 extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture,
10 salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or
11 resin. The term does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber
12 produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant,
13 any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or
14 preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted
15 therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant
16 which is incapable of germination.

17 (r) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced
18 directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable
19 origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a
20 combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

21 (1) Opium, opium derivative, and any derivative of opium or opium
22 derivative, including their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers,
23 whenever the existence of the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is
24 possible within the specific chemical designation. The term does not
25 include the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium.

26 (2) Synthetic opiate and any derivative of synthetic opiate,
27 including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers,
28 esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of the isomers, esters,
29 ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.

30 (3) Poppy straw and concentrate of poppy straw.

31 (4) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves
32 from which cocaine, ecgonine, and derivatives or ecgonine or their
33 salts have been removed.

34 (5) Cocaine, or any salt, isomer, or salt of isomer thereof.

35 (6) Cocaine base.

36 (7) Ecgonine, or any derivative, salt, isomer, or salt of isomer
37 thereof.

38 (8) Any compound, mixture, or preparation containing any quantity
39 of any substance referred to in subparagraphs (1) through (7).

1 (s) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or
2 addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of
3 conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining
4 liability. The term includes opium, substances derived from opium
5 (opium derivatives), and synthetic opiates. The term does not include,
6 unless specifically designated as controlled under RCW 69.50.201, the
7 dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts
8 (dextromethorphan). The term includes the racemic and levorotatory
9 forms of dextromethorphan.

10 (t) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver somniferum*
11 L., except its seeds.

12 (u) "Person" means individual, corporation, business trust, estate,
13 trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government,
14 governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial
15 entity.

16 (v) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium
17 poppy, after mowing.

18 (w) "Practitioner" means:

19 (1) A physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, a physician assistant
20 under chapter 18.71A RCW, an osteopathic physician and surgeon under
21 chapter 18.57 RCW, a dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a podiatric
22 physician and surgeon under chapter 18.22 RCW, a veterinarian under
23 chapter 18.92 RCW, a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse
24 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse under chapter (~~(18.88)~~) 18.--
25 RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act), ((a licensed practical
26 nurse under chapter 18.78 RCW,)) a pharmacist under chapter 18.64 RCW
27 or a scientific investigator under this chapter, licensed, registered
28 or otherwise permitted insofar as is consistent with those licensing
29 laws to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or
30 administer a controlled substance in the course of their professional
31 practice or research in this state.

32 (2) A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed, registered,
33 or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with
34 respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of
35 professional practice or research in this state.

36 (3) A physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery, a
37 physician licensed to practice osteopathy and surgery, a dentist
38 licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and surgeon
39 licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, or a veterinarian

1 licensed to practice veterinary medicine in any state of the United
2 States.

3 (x) "Prescription" means an order for controlled substances issued
4 by a practitioner duly authorized by law or rule in the state of
5 Washington to prescribe controlled substances within the scope of his
6 or her professional practice for a legitimate medical purpose.

7 (y) "Production" includes the manufacturing, planting, cultivating,
8 growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance.

9 (z) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the secretary's
10 designee.

11 (aa) "State," unless the context otherwise requires, means a state
12 of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
13 Puerto Rico, or a territory or insular possession subject to the
14 jurisdiction of the United States.

15 (bb) "Ultimate user" means an individual who lawfully possesses a
16 controlled substance for the individual's own use or for the use of a
17 member of the individual's household or for administering to an animal
18 owned by the individual or by a member of the individual's household.

19 **Sec. 740.** RCW 69.50.402 and 1980 c 138 s 6 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (a) It is unlawful for any person:

22 (1) who is subject to Article III to distribute or dispense a
23 controlled substance in violation of RCW 69.50.308;

24 (2) who is a registrant, to manufacture a controlled substance not
25 authorized by his registration, or to distribute or dispense a
26 controlled substance not authorized by his registration to another
27 registrant or other authorized person;

28 (3) who is a practitioner, to prescribe, order, dispense,
29 administer, supply, or give to any person:

30 (i) any amphetamine, including its salts, optical isomers, and
31 salts of optical isomers classified as a schedule II controlled
32 substance by the board of pharmacy pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW; or

33 (ii) any nonnarcotic stimulant classified as a schedule II
34 controlled substance and designated as a nonnarcotic stimulant by the
35 board of pharmacy pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW;

36 except for the treatment of narcolepsy or for the treatment of
37 hyperkinesia, or for the treatment of drug-induced brain dysfunction,
38 or for the treatment of epilepsy, or for the differential diagnostic

1 psychiatric evaluation of depression, or for the treatment of
2 depression shown to be refractory to other therapeutic modalities, or
3 for the clinical investigation of the effects of such drugs or
4 compounds, in which case an investigative protocol therefor shall have
5 been submitted to and reviewed and approved by the state board of
6 pharmacy before the investigation has been begun: PROVIDED, That the
7 board of pharmacy, in consultation with the medical (~~disciplinary~~
8 ~~board~~) quality assurance commission and the osteopathic disciplinary
9 board, may establish by rule, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, disease
10 states or conditions in addition to those listed in this subsection for
11 the treatment of which Schedule II nonnarcotic stimulants may be
12 prescribed, ordered, dispensed, administered, supplied, or given to
13 patients by practitioners: AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, That investigations
14 by the board of pharmacy of abuse of prescriptive authority by
15 physicians, licensed pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW, pursuant to
16 subsection (a)(3) of this section shall be done in consultation with
17 the medical (~~disciplinary board~~) quality assurance commission;

18 (4) to refuse or fail to make, keep or furnish any record,
19 notification, order form, statement, invoice, or information required
20 under this chapter;

21 (5) to refuse an entry into any premises for any inspection
22 authorized by this chapter; or

23 (6) knowingly to keep or maintain any store, shop, warehouse,
24 dwelling, building, vehicle, boat, aircraft, or other structure or
25 place, which is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in
26 violation of this chapter for the purpose of using these substances, or
27 which is used for keeping or selling them in violation of this chapter.

28 (b) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a crime and
29 upon conviction may be imprisoned for not more than two years, fined
30 not more than two thousand dollars, or both.

31 **Sec. 741.** RCW 70.02.030 and 1993 c 448 s 3 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) A patient may authorize a health care provider to disclose the
34 patient's health care information. A health care provider shall honor
35 an authorization and, if requested, provide a copy of the recorded
36 health care information unless the health care provider denies the
37 patient access to health care information under RCW 70.02.090.

1 (2) A health care provider may charge a reasonable fee for
2 providing the health care information and is not required to honor an
3 authorization until the fee is paid.

4 (3) To be valid, a disclosure authorization to a health care
5 provider shall:

6 (a) Be in writing, dated, and signed by the patient;

7 (b) Identify the nature of the information to be disclosed;

8 (c) Identify the name, address, and institutional affiliation of
9 the person to whom the information is to be disclosed;

10 (d) Except for third-party payors, identify the provider who is to
11 make the disclosure; and

12 (e) Identify the patient.

13 (4) Except as provided by this chapter, the signing of an
14 authorization by a patient is not a waiver of any rights a patient has
15 under other statutes, the rules of evidence, or common law.

16 (5) A health care provider shall retain each authorization or
17 revocation in conjunction with any health care information from which
18 disclosures are made. This requirement shall not apply to disclosures
19 to third-party payors.

20 (6) Except for authorizations given pursuant to an agreement with
21 a treatment or monitoring program or disciplinary authority under
22 chapter (~~(18.72)~~) 18.71 or 18.130 RCW or to provide information to
23 third-party payors, an authorization may not permit the release of
24 health care information relating to future health care that the patient
25 receives more than ninety days after the authorization was signed.
26 Patients shall be advised of the period of validity of their
27 authorization on the disclosure authorization form. If the
28 authorization does not contain an expiration date, it expires ninety
29 days after it is signed.

30 **Sec. 742.** RCW 70.41.200 and 1993 c 492 s 415 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) Every hospital shall maintain a coordinated quality improvement
33 program for the improvement of the quality of health care services
34 rendered to patients and the identification and prevention of medical
35 malpractice. The program shall include at least the following:

36 (a) The establishment of a quality improvement committee with the
37 responsibility to review the services rendered in the hospital, both
38 retrospectively and prospectively, in order to improve the quality of

1 medical care of patients and to prevent medical malpractice. The
2 committee shall oversee and coordinate the quality improvement and
3 medical malpractice prevention program and shall insure that
4 information gathered pursuant to the program is used to review and to
5 revise hospital policies and procedures;

6 (b) A medical staff privileges sanction procedure through which
7 credentials, physical and mental capacity, and competence in delivering
8 health care services are periodically reviewed as part of an evaluation
9 of staff privileges;

10 (c) The periodic review of the credentials, physical and mental
11 capacity, and competence in delivering health care services of all
12 persons who are employed or associated with the hospital;

13 (d) A procedure for the prompt resolution of grievances by patients
14 or their representatives related to accidents, injuries, treatment, and
15 other events that may result in claims of medical malpractice;

16 (e) The maintenance and continuous collection of information
17 concerning the hospital's experience with negative health care outcomes
18 and incidents injurious to patients, patient grievances, professional
19 liability premiums, settlements, awards, costs incurred by the hospital
20 for patient injury prevention, and safety improvement activities;

21 (f) The maintenance of relevant and appropriate information
22 gathered pursuant to (a) through (e) of this subsection concerning
23 individual physicians within the physician's personnel or credential
24 file maintained by the hospital;

25 (g) Education programs dealing with quality improvement, patient
26 safety, injury prevention, staff responsibility to report professional
27 misconduct, the legal aspects of patient care, improved communication
28 with patients, and causes of malpractice claims for staff personnel
29 engaged in patient care activities; and

30 (h) Policies to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements
31 of this section.

32 (2) Any person who, in substantial good faith, provides information
33 to further the purposes of the quality improvement and medical
34 malpractice prevention program or who, in substantial good faith,
35 participates on the quality improvement committee shall not be subject
36 to an action for civil damages or other relief as a result of such
37 activity.

38 (3) Information and documents, including complaints and incident
39 reports, created specifically for, and collected, and maintained by a

1 quality improvement committee are not subject to discovery or
2 introduction into evidence in any civil action, and no person who was
3 in attendance at a meeting of such committee or who participated in the
4 creation, collection, or maintenance of information or documents
5 specifically for the committee shall be permitted or required to
6 testify in any civil action as to the content of such proceedings or
7 the documents and information prepared specifically for the committee.
8 This subsection does not preclude: (a) In any civil action, the
9 discovery of the identity of persons involved in the medical care that
10 is the basis of the civil action whose involvement was independent of
11 any quality improvement activity; (b) in any civil action, the
12 testimony of any person concerning the facts which form the basis for
13 the institution of such proceedings of which the person had personal
14 knowledge acquired independently of such proceedings; (c) in any civil
15 action by a health care provider regarding the restriction or
16 revocation of that individual's clinical or staff privileges,
17 introduction into evidence information collected and maintained by
18 quality improvement committees regarding such health care provider; (d)
19 in any civil action, disclosure of the fact that staff privileges were
20 terminated or restricted, including the specific restrictions imposed,
21 if any and the reasons for the restrictions; or (e) in any civil
22 action, discovery and introduction into evidence of the patient's
23 medical records required by regulation of the department of health to
24 be made regarding the care and treatment received.

25 (4) Each quality improvement committee shall, on at least a
26 semiannual basis, report to the governing board of the hospital in
27 which the committee is located. The report shall review the quality
28 improvement activities conducted by the committee, and any actions
29 taken as a result of those activities.

30 (5) The department of health shall adopt such rules as are deemed
31 appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this section.

32 (6) The medical (~~(disciplinary board)~~) quality assurance commission
33 or the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery, as appropriate, may
34 review and audit the records of committee decisions in which a
35 physician's privileges are terminated or restricted. Each hospital
36 shall produce and make accessible to the commission or board the
37 appropriate records and otherwise facilitate the review and audit.
38 Information so gained shall not be subject to the discovery process and
39 confidentiality shall be respected as required by subsection (3) of

1 this section. Failure of a hospital to comply with this subsection is
2 punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars.

3 (7) Violation of this section shall not be considered negligence
4 per se.

5 **Sec. 743.** RCW 70.41.210 and 1986 c 300 s 7 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The chief administrator or executive officer of a hospital shall
8 report to the ((board)) medical quality assurance commission when a
9 physician's clinical privileges are terminated or are restricted based
10 on a determination, in accordance with an institution's bylaws, that a
11 physician has either committed an act or acts which may constitute
12 unprofessional conduct. The officer shall also report if a physician
13 accepts voluntary termination in order to foreclose or terminate actual
14 or possible hospital action to suspend, restrict, or terminate a
15 physician's clinical privileges. Such a report shall be made within
16 sixty days of the date action was taken by the hospital's peer review
17 committee or the physician's acceptance of voluntary termination or
18 restriction of privileges. Failure of a hospital to comply with this
19 section is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred
20 fifty dollars.

21 **Sec. 744.** RCW 70.41.230 and 1993 c 492 s 416 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Prior to granting or renewing clinical privileges or
24 association of any physician or hiring a physician, a hospital or
25 facility approved pursuant to this chapter shall request from the
26 physician and the physician shall provide the following information:

27 (a) The name of any hospital or facility with or at which the
28 physician had or has any association, employment, privileges, or
29 practice;

30 (b) If such association, employment, privilege, or practice was
31 discontinued, the reasons for its discontinuation;

32 (c) Any pending professional medical misconduct proceedings or any
33 pending medical malpractice actions in this state or another state, the
34 substance of the allegations in the proceedings or actions, and any
35 additional information concerning the proceedings or actions as the
36 physician deems appropriate;

1 (d) The substance of the findings in the actions or proceedings and
2 any additional information concerning the actions or proceedings as the
3 physician deems appropriate;

4 (e) A waiver by the physician of any confidentiality provisions
5 concerning the information required to be provided to hospitals
6 pursuant to this subsection; and

7 (f) A verification by the physician that the information provided
8 by the physician is accurate and complete.

9 (2) Prior to granting privileges or association to any physician or
10 hiring a physician, a hospital or facility approved pursuant to this
11 chapter shall request from any hospital with or at which the physician
12 had or has privileges, was associated, or was employed, the following
13 information concerning the physician:

14 (a) Any pending professional medical misconduct proceedings or any
15 pending medical malpractice actions, in this state or another state;

16 (b) Any judgment or settlement of a medical malpractice action and
17 any finding of professional misconduct in this state or another state
18 by a licensing or disciplinary board; and

19 (c) Any information required to be reported by hospitals pursuant
20 to RCW 18.72.265 (as recodified by this act).

21 (3) The medical (~~(disciplinary board)~~) quality assurance commission
22 shall be advised within thirty days of the name of any physician denied
23 staff privileges, association, or employment on the basis of adverse
24 findings under subsection (1) of this section.

25 (4) A hospital or facility that receives a request for information
26 from another hospital or facility pursuant to subsections (1) and (2)
27 of this section shall provide such information concerning the physician
28 in question to the extent such information is known to the hospital or
29 facility receiving such a request, including the reasons for
30 suspension, termination, or curtailment of employment or privileges at
31 the hospital or facility. A hospital, facility, or other person
32 providing such information in good faith is not liable in any civil
33 action for the release of such information.

34 (5) Information and documents, including complaints and incident
35 reports, created specifically for, and collected, and maintained by a
36 quality improvement committee are not subject to discovery or
37 introduction into evidence in any civil action, and no person who was
38 in attendance at a meeting of such committee or who participated in the
39 creation, collection, or maintenance of information or documents

1 specifically for the committee shall be permitted or required to
2 testify in any civil action as to the content of such proceedings or
3 the documents and information prepared specifically for the committee.
4 This subsection does not preclude: (a) In any civil action, the
5 discovery of the identity of persons involved in the medical care that
6 is the basis of the civil action whose involvement was independent of
7 any quality improvement activity; (b) in any civil action, the
8 testimony of any person concerning the facts which form the basis for
9 the institution of such proceedings of which the person had personal
10 knowledge acquired independently of such proceedings; (c) in any civil
11 action by a health care provider regarding the restriction or
12 revocation of that individual's clinical or staff privileges,
13 introduction into evidence information collected and maintained by
14 quality improvement committees regarding such health care provider; (d)
15 in any civil action, disclosure of the fact that staff privileges were
16 terminated or restricted, including the specific restrictions imposed,
17 if any and the reasons for the restrictions; or (e) in any civil
18 action, discovery and introduction into evidence of the patient's
19 medical records required by regulation of the department of health to
20 be made regarding the care and treatment received.

21 (6) Hospitals shall be granted access to information held by the
22 medical (~~(disciplinary board)~~) quality assurance commission and the
23 board of osteopathic medicine and surgery pertinent to decisions of the
24 hospital regarding credentialing and recredentialing of practitioners.

25 (7) Violation of this section shall not be considered negligence
26 per se.

27 **Sec. 745.** RCW 70.127.250 and 1993 c 42 s 10 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) In addition to the rules consistent with RCW 70.127.005 adopted
30 under RCW 70.127.120, the department shall adopt rules for home health
31 agencies which address the following:

32 (a) Establishment of case management guidelines for acute and
33 maintenance care patients;

34 (b) Establishment of guidelines for periodic review of the home
35 health care plan of care and plan of treatment by appropriate health
36 care professionals; and

1 (c) Maintenance of written policies regarding the delivery and
2 supervision of patient care and clinical consultation as necessary by
3 appropriate health care professionals.

4 (2) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Acute care" means care provided by a home health agency for
6 patients who are not medically stable or have not attained a
7 satisfactory level of rehabilitation. These patients require frequent
8 monitoring by a health care professional in order to maintain their
9 health status.

10 (b) "Maintenance care" means care provided by home health agencies
11 that is necessary to support an existing level of health and to
12 preserve a patient from further failure or decline.

13 (c) "Home health plan of care" means a written plan of care
14 established by a home health agency by appropriate health care
15 professionals that describes maintenance care to be provided. A
16 patient or his or her representative shall be allowed to participate in
17 the development of the plan of care to the extent practicable.

18 (d) "Home health plan of treatment" means a written plan of care
19 established by a physician licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW,
20 a podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, or
21 an advanced registered nurse practitioner as authorized by the ((board
22 of)) nursing care quality assurance commission under chapter ((18-88))
23 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act), in consultation with
24 appropriate health care professionals within the agency that describes
25 medically necessary acute care to be provided for treatment of illness
26 or injury.

27 **Sec. 746.** RCW 70.180.030 and 1990 c 271 s 3 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The department, in cooperation with (({the})) the University of
30 Washington school of medicine, the state's registered nursing programs,
31 the state's pharmacy programs, and other appropriate public and private
32 agencies and associations, shall develop and keep current a register of
33 physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, and advanced registered
34 nurse practitioners who are available to practice on a short-term basis
35 in rural communities of the state. The department shall periodically
36 screen individuals on the registry for violations of the Uniform
37 Disciplinary Act as authorized in chapter 18.130 RCW. If a finding of
38 unprofessional conduct has been made by the appropriate disciplinary

1 authority against any individual on the registry, the name of that
2 individual shall be removed from the registry and that person shall be
3 made ineligible for the program. The department shall include a list
4 of back-up physicians and hospitals who can provide support to health
5 care providers in the pool. The register shall be compiled, published,
6 and made available to all rural hospitals, public health departments
7 and districts, rural pharmacies, and other appropriate public and
8 private agencies and associations. The department shall coordinate
9 with existing entities involved in health professional recruitment when
10 developing the registry for the health professional temporary
11 substitute resource pool.

12 (2) Eligible health care professionals are those licensed under
13 chapters 18.57, 18.57A, 18.64, 18.71, and 18.71A RCW and advanced
14 registered nurse practitioners licensed under chapter (~~18.88~~) 18.--
15 RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act).

16 (3) Participating health care professionals shall receive:

17 (a) Reimbursement for travel to and from the rural community and
18 for lodging at a rate determined under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060;

19 (b) Medical malpractice insurance purchased by the department, or
20 the department may reimburse participants for medical malpractice
21 insurance premium costs for medical liability while providing health
22 care services in the program, if the services provided are not covered
23 by the participant's or local provider's existing medical malpractice
24 insurance; and

25 (c) Information on back-up support from other physicians and
26 hospitals in the area to the extent necessary and available.

27 (4) The department may require rural communities to participate in
28 health professional recruitment programs as a condition for providing
29 a temporary substitute health care professional if the community does
30 not have adequate permanent health care personnel. To the extent
31 deemed appropriate and subject to funding, the department may also
32 require communities to participate in other programs or projects, such
33 as the rural health system project authorized in chapter 70.175 RCW,
34 that are designed to assist communities to reorganize the delivery of
35 rural health care services.

36 (5) The department may require a community match for assistance
37 provided in subsection (3) of this section if it determines that
38 adequate community resources exist.

1 (6) The maximum continuous period of time a participating health
2 professional may serve in a community is ninety days. The department
3 may modify or waive this limitation should it determine that the health
4 and safety of the community warrants a waiver or modification. The
5 community shall be responsible for all salary expenses of participating
6 health professionals.

7 **Sec. 747.** RCW 71.05.210 and 1991 c 364 s 11 and 1991 c 105 s 4 are
8 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 Each person involuntarily admitted to an evaluation and treatment
10 facility shall, within twenty-four hours of his or her admission, be
11 examined and evaluated by a licensed physician who may be assisted by
12 a physician assistant according to chapter 18.71A RCW or ((a)) an
13 advanced registered nurse practitioner according to chapter ((18.88))
14 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act) and a mental health
15 professional as defined in this chapter, and shall receive such
16 treatment and care as his or her condition requires including treatment
17 on an outpatient basis for the period that he or she is detained,
18 except that, beginning twenty-four hours prior to a court proceeding,
19 the individual may refuse all but emergency life-saving treatment, and
20 the individual shall be informed at an appropriate time of his or her
21 right to such refusal of treatment. Such person shall be detained up
22 to seventy-two hours, if, in the opinion of the professional person in
23 charge of the facility, or his or her professional designee, the person
24 presents a likelihood of serious harm to himself or herself or others,
25 or is gravely disabled. A person who has been detained for seventy-two
26 hours shall no later than the end of such period be released, unless
27 referred for further care on a voluntary basis, or detained pursuant to
28 court order for further treatment as provided in this chapter.

29 If, after examination and evaluation, the licensed physician and
30 mental health professional determine that the initial needs of the
31 person would be better served by placement in a chemical dependency
32 treatment facility, then the person shall be referred to an approved
33 treatment program defined under RCW 70.96A.020.

34 An evaluation and treatment center admitting any person pursuant to
35 this chapter whose physical condition reveals the need for
36 hospitalization shall assure that such person is transferred to an
37 appropriate hospital for treatment. Notice of such fact shall be given
38 to the court, the designated attorney, and the designated county mental

1 health professional and the court shall order such continuance in
2 proceedings under this chapter as may be necessary, but in no event may
3 this continuance be more than fourteen days.

4 **Sec. 748.** RCW 71.24.025 and 1991 c 306 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Acutely mentally ill" means a condition which is limited to a
9 short-term severe crisis episode of:

10 (a) A mental disorder as defined in RCW 71.05.020(2) or, in the
11 case of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020(12);

12 (b) Being gravely disabled as defined in RCW 71.05.020(1) or, in
13 the case of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020(8); or

14 (c) Presenting a likelihood of serious harm as defined in RCW
15 71.05.020(3) or, in the case of a child, as defined in RCW
16 71.34.020(11).

17 (2) "Available resources" means those funds which shall be
18 appropriated under this chapter by the legislature during any biennium
19 for the purpose of providing community mental health programs under RCW
20 71.24.045. When regional support networks are established or after
21 July 1, 1995, "available resources" means federal funds, except those
22 provided according to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and state
23 funds appropriated under this chapter or chapter 71.05 RCW by the
24 legislature during any biennium for the purpose of providing
25 residential services, resource management services, community support
26 services, and other mental health services. This does not include
27 funds appropriated for the purpose of operating and administering the
28 state psychiatric hospitals, except as negotiated according to RCW
29 71.24.300(1)(d).

30 (3) "Licensed service provider" means an entity licensed according
31 to this chapter or chapter 71.05 RCW that meets state minimum standards
32 or individuals licensed under chapter 18.57, 18.71, 18.83, or (~~18.88~~
33 ~~RCW~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act), as it applies
34 to registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

35 (4) "Child" means a person under the age of eighteen years.

36 (5) "Chronically mentally ill adult" means an adult who has a
37 mental disorder and meets at least one of the following criteria:

1 (a) Has undergone two or more episodes of hospital care for a
2 mental disorder within the preceding two years; or
3 (b) Has experienced a continuous psychiatric hospitalization or
4 residential treatment exceeding six months' duration within the
5 preceding year; or
6 (c) Has been unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity
7 by reason of any mental disorder which has lasted for a continuous
8 period of not less than twelve months. "Substantial gainful activity"
9 shall be defined by the department by rule consistent with Public Law
10 92-603, as amended.

11 (6) "Severely emotionally disturbed child" means an infant or child
12 who has been determined by the regional support network to be
13 experiencing a mental disorder as defined in chapter 71.34 RCW,
14 including those mental disorders that result in a behavioral or conduct
15 disorder, that is clearly interfering with the child's functioning in
16 family or school or with peers and who meets at least one of the
17 following criteria:

18 (a) Has undergone inpatient treatment or placement outside of the
19 home related to a mental disorder within the last two years;
20 (b) Has undergone involuntary treatment under chapter 71.34 RCW
21 within the last two years;
22 (c) Is currently served by at least one of the following child-
23 serving systems: Juvenile justice, child-protection/welfare, special
24 education, or developmental disabilities;
25 (d) Is at risk of escalating maladjustment due to:
26 (i) Chronic family dysfunction involving a mentally ill or
27 inadequate caretaker;
28 (ii) Changes in custodial adult;
29 (iii) Going to, residing in, or returning from any placement
30 outside of the home, for example, psychiatric hospital, short-term
31 inpatient, residential treatment, group or foster home, or a
32 correctional facility;
33 (iv) Subject to repeated physical abuse or neglect;
34 (v) Drug or alcohol abuse; or
35 (vi) Homelessness.

36 (7) "Community mental health program" means all mental health
37 services established by a county authority. After July 1, 1995, or
38 when the regional support networks are established, "community mental

1 health program" means all activities or programs using available
2 resources.

3 (8) "Community support services" means services for acutely
4 mentally ill persons, chronically mentally ill adults, and severely
5 emotionally disturbed children and includes: (a) Discharge planning
6 for clients leaving state mental hospitals, other acute care inpatient
7 facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities for persons under twenty-
8 one years of age, and other children's mental health residential
9 treatment facilities; (b) sufficient contacts with clients, families,
10 schools, or significant others to provide for an effective program of
11 community maintenance; and (c) medication monitoring. After July 1,
12 1995, or when regional support networks are established, for adults and
13 children "community support services" means services authorized,
14 planned, and coordinated through resource management services
15 including, at least, assessment, diagnosis, emergency crisis
16 intervention available twenty-four hours, seven days a week,
17 prescreening determinations for mentally ill persons being considered
18 for placement in nursing homes as required by federal law, screening
19 for patients being considered for admission to residential services,
20 diagnosis and treatment for acutely mentally ill and severely
21 emotionally disturbed children discovered under screening through the
22 federal Title XIX early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and
23 treatment program, investigation, legal, and other nonresidential
24 services under chapter 71.05 RCW, case management services, psychiatric
25 treatment including medication supervision, counseling, psychotherapy,
26 assuring transfer of relevant patient information between service
27 providers, other services determined by regional support networks, and
28 maintenance of a patient tracking system for chronically mentally ill
29 adults and severely emotionally disturbed children.

30 (9) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners,
31 county council, or county executive having authority to establish a
32 community mental health program, or two or more of the county
33 authorities specified in this subsection which have entered into an
34 agreement to provide a community mental health program.

35 (10) "Department" means the department of social and health
36 services.

37 (11) "Mental health services" means community services pursuant to
38 RCW 71.24.035(5)(b) and other services provided by the state for the
39 mentally ill. When regional support networks are established, or after

1 July 1, 1995, "mental health services" shall include all services
2 provided by regional support networks.

3 (12) "Mentally ill persons" and "the mentally ill" mean persons and
4 conditions defined in subsections (1), (5), (6), and (16) of this
5 section.

6 (13) "Regional support network" means a county authority or group
7 of county authorities recognized by the secretary that enter into joint
8 operating agreements to contract with the secretary pursuant to this
9 chapter.

10 (14) "Residential services" means a facility or distinct part
11 thereof which provides food and shelter, and may include treatment
12 services.

13 When regional support networks are established, or after July 1,
14 1995, for adults and children "residential services" means a complete
15 range of residences and supports authorized by resource management
16 services and which may involve a facility, a distinct part thereof, or
17 services which support community living, for acutely mentally ill
18 persons, chronically mentally ill adults, severely emotionally
19 disturbed children, or seriously disturbed adults determined by the
20 regional support network to be at risk of becoming acutely or
21 chronically mentally ill. The services shall include at least
22 evaluation and treatment services as defined in chapter 71.05 RCW,
23 acute crisis respite care, long-term adaptive and rehabilitative care,
24 and supervised and supported living services, and shall also include
25 any residential services developed to service mentally ill persons in
26 nursing homes. Residential services for children in out-of-home
27 placements related to their mental disorder shall not include the costs
28 of food and shelter, except for children's long-term residential
29 facilities existing prior to January 1, 1991.

30 (15) "Resource management services" mean the planning,
31 coordination, and authorization of residential services and community
32 support services administered pursuant to an individual service plan
33 for acutely mentally ill adults and children, chronically mentally ill
34 adults, severely emotionally disturbed children, or seriously disturbed
35 adults determined by the regional support network at their sole
36 discretion to be at risk of becoming acutely or chronically mentally
37 ill. Such planning, coordination, and authorization shall include
38 mental health screening for children eligible under the federal Title
39 XIX early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment program.

1 Resource management services include seven day a week, twenty-four hour
2 a day availability of information regarding mentally ill adults' and
3 children's enrollment in services and their individual service plan to
4 county-designated mental health professionals, evaluation and treatment
5 facilities, and others as determined by the regional support network.

6 (16) "Seriously disturbed person" means a person who:

7 (a) Is gravely disabled or presents a likelihood of serious harm to
8 oneself or others as a result of a mental disorder as defined in
9 chapter 71.05 RCW;

10 (b) Has been on conditional release status at some time during the
11 preceding two years from an evaluation and treatment facility or a
12 state mental health hospital;

13 (c) Has a mental disorder which causes major impairment in several
14 areas of daily living;

15 (d) Exhibits suicidal preoccupation or attempts; or

16 (e) Is a child diagnosed by a mental health professional, as
17 defined in RCW 71.05.020, as experiencing a mental disorder which is
18 clearly interfering with the child's functioning in family or school or
19 with peers or is clearly interfering with the child's personality
20 development and learning.

21 (17) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.

22 (18) "State minimum standards" means: (a) Minimum requirements for
23 delivery of mental health services as established by departmental rules
24 and necessary to implement this chapter, including but not limited to
25 licensing service providers and services; (b) minimum service
26 requirements for licensed service providers for the provision of mental
27 health services as established by departmental rules pursuant to
28 chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to implement this chapter, including,
29 but not limited to: Qualifications for staff providing services
30 directly to mentally ill persons; the intended result of each service;
31 and the rights and responsibilities of persons receiving mental health
32 services pursuant to this chapter; (c) minimum requirements for
33 residential services as established by the department in rule based on
34 clients' functional abilities and not solely on their diagnoses,
35 limited to health and safety, staff qualifications, and program
36 outcomes. Minimum requirements for residential services are those
37 developed in collaboration with consumers, families, counties,
38 regulators, and residential providers serving the mentally ill.
39 Minimum requirements encourage the development of broad-range

1 residential programs, including integrated housing and cross-systems
2 programs where appropriate, and do not unnecessarily restrict
3 programming flexibility; and (d) minimum standards for community
4 support services and resource management services, including at least
5 qualifications for resource management services, client tracking
6 systems, and the transfer of patient information between service
7 providers.

8 **Sec. 749.** RCW 74.09.290 and 1990 c 100 s 5 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 The secretary of the department of social and health services or
11 his authorized representative shall have the authority to:

12 (1) Conduct audits and investigations of providers of medical and
13 other services furnished pursuant to this chapter, except that the
14 Washington state medical (~~(disciplinary board)~~) quality assurance
15 commission shall generally serve in an advisory capacity to the
16 secretary in the conduct of audits or investigations of physicians.
17 Any overpayment discovered as a result of an audit of a provider under
18 this authority shall be offset by any underpayments discovered in that
19 same audit sample. In order to determine the provider's actual, usual,
20 customary, or prevailing charges, the secretary may examine such random
21 representative records as necessary to show accounts billed and
22 accounts received except that in the conduct of such examinations,
23 patient names, other than public assistance applicants or recipients,
24 shall not be noted, copied, or otherwise made available to the
25 department. In order to verify costs incurred by the department for
26 treatment of public assistance applicants or recipients, the secretary
27 may examine patient records or portions thereof in connection with
28 services to such applicants or recipients rendered by a health care
29 provider, notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 5.60.060, 18.53.200,
30 18.83.110, or any other statute which may make or purport to make such
31 records privileged or confidential: PROVIDED, That no original patient
32 records shall be removed from the premises of the health care provider,
33 and that the disclosure of any records or information by the department
34 of social and health services is prohibited and shall be punishable as
35 a class C felony according to chapter 9A.20 RCW, unless such disclosure
36 is directly connected to the official purpose for which the records or
37 information were obtained: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the disclosure of
38 patient information as required under this section shall not subject

1 any physician or other health services provider to any liability for
2 breach of any confidential relationship between the provider and the
3 patient, but no evidence resulting from such disclosure may be used in
4 any civil, administrative, or criminal proceeding against the patient
5 unless a waiver of the applicable evidentiary privilege is obtained:
6 PROVIDED FURTHER, That the secretary shall destroy all copies of
7 patient medical records in their possession upon completion of the
8 audit, investigation or proceedings;

9 (2) Approve or deny applications to participate as a provider of
10 services furnished pursuant to this chapter;

11 (3) Terminate or suspend eligibility to participate as a provider
12 of services furnished pursuant to this chapter; and

13 (4) Adopt, promulgate, amend, and (~~repeal~~) repeal administrative
14 rules (~~and regulations~~), in accordance with the Administrative
15 Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW, to carry out the policies and
16 purposes of RCW 74.09.200 through 74.09.290.

17 **Sec. 750.** RCW 74.42.010 and 1993 c 508 s 4 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
20 this section apply throughout this chapter.

21 (1) "Department" means the department of social and health services
22 and the department's employees.

23 (2) "Facility" refers to a nursing home as defined in RCW
24 18.51.010.

25 (3) "Licensed practical nurse" means a person licensed to practice
26 practical nursing under chapter (~~18.78~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401
27 through 431 of this act).

28 (4) "Medicaid" means Title XIX of the Social Security Act enacted
29 by the social security amendments of 1965 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396; 79
30 Stat. 343), as amended.

31 (5) "Nursing care" means that care provided by a registered nurse,
32 an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse,
33 or a nursing assistant in the regular performance of their duties.

34 (6) "Qualified therapist" means:

35 (a) An activities specialist who has specialized education,
36 training, or experience specified by the department.

1 (b) An audiologist who is eligible for a certificate of clinical
2 competence in audiology or who has the equivalent education and
3 clinical experience.

4 (c) A mental health professional as defined in chapter 71.05 RCW.

5 (d) A mental retardation professional who is a qualified therapist
6 or a therapist approved by the department and has specialized training
7 or one year experience in treating or working with the mentally
8 retarded or developmentally disabled.

9 (e) An occupational therapist who is a graduate of a program in
10 occupational therapy or who has equivalent education or training.

11 (f) A physical therapist as defined in chapter 18.74 RCW.

12 (g) A social worker who is a graduate of a school of social work.

13 (h) A speech pathologist who is eligible for a certificate of
14 clinical competence in speech pathology or who has equivalent education
15 and clinical experience.

16 (7) "Registered nurse" means a person (~~((practicing))~~) licensed to
17 practice registered nursing under chapter (~~((18.88))~~) 18.-- RCW (sections
18 401 through 431 of this act).

19 (8) "Resident" means an individual residing in a nursing home, as
20 defined in RCW 18.51.010.

21 (9) "Physician(~~((s))~~) assistant" means a person practicing pursuant
22 to chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW.

23 (10) "Nurse practitioner" means a person (~~((practicing such expanded~~
24 ~~acts of nursing as are authorized by the board of nursing pursuant to~~
25 ~~RCW 18.88.030))~~ licensed to practice advanced registered nursing under
26 chapter 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act).

27 **Sec. 751.** RCW 74.42.230 and 1982 c 120 s 2 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The resident's attending or staff physician or authorized
30 practitioner approved by the attending physician shall order all
31 medications for the resident. The order may be oral or written and
32 shall be limited by time. An "authorized practitioner," as used in
33 this section, is a registered nurse under chapter (~~((18.88))~~) 18.-- RCW
34 (sections 401 through 431 of this act) when authorized by the ((board
35 of)) nursing care quality assurance commission, an osteopathic
36 physician(~~((s))~~) assistant under chapter 18.57A RCW when authorized by
37 the committee of osteopathic examiners, or a physician(~~((s))~~) assistant

1 under chapter 18.71A RCW when authorized by the (~~board of~~) medical
2 (~~examiners~~) quality assurance commission.

3 (2) An oral order shall be given only to a licensed nurse,
4 pharmacist, or another physician. The oral order shall be recorded and
5 signed immediately by the person receiving the order. The attending
6 physician shall sign the record of the oral order in a manner
7 consistent with good medical practice.

8 **Sec. 752.** RCW 74.42.240 and 1989 c 372 s 5 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) No staff member may administer any medication to a resident
11 unless the staff member is licensed to administer medication:
12 PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting
13 graduate nurses or student nurses from administering medications when
14 permitted to do so under chapter (~~18.88 or 18.78~~) 18.-- RCW (sections
15 401 through 431 of this act) and rules adopted thereunder.

16 (2) The facility may only allow a resident to give himself or
17 herself medication with the attending physician's permission.

18 (3) Medication shall only be administered to or used by the
19 resident for whom it is ordered.

20 **Sec. 753.** RCW 74.42.380 and 1989 c 372 s 6 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) The facility shall have a director of nursing services. The
23 director of nursing services shall be a registered nurse or an advanced
24 registered nurse practitioner.

25 (2) The director of nursing services is responsible for:

26 (a) Coordinating the plan of care for each resident;

27 (b) Permitting only licensed personnel to administer medications:
28 PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting
29 graduate nurses or student nurses from administering medications when
30 permitted to do so under chapter (~~18.88 or 18.78~~) 18.-- RCW (sections
31 401 through 431 of this act) and rules (~~(promulgated pursuant thereto)~~)
32 adopted under it: PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing herein shall be
33 construed as prohibiting persons certified under chapter 18.135 RCW
34 from practicing pursuant to the delegation and supervision requirements
35 of chapter 18.135 RCW and rules (~~(promulgated pursuant thereto)~~)
36 adopted under it; and

1 (c) Insuring that the licensed practical nurses (~~comply with~~
2 ~~chapter 18.78 RCW,~~) and the registered nurses comply with chapter
3 (~~18.88~~) 18.-- RCW (sections 401 through 431 of this act), and persons
4 certified under chapter 18.135 RCW comply with the provisions of that
5 chapter and rules (~~promulgated pursuant thereto~~) adopted under it.

6 **DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION REVOLVING FUND ADVISORY REVIEW BOARD**

7 **Sec. 801.** RCW 41.04.395 and 1987 c 9 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) The disability accommodation revolving fund is created in the
10 custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements from the fund shall be
11 on authorization of the director of the department of personnel or the
12 director's designee. The fund is subject to the allotment procedure
13 provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
14 disbursements. The fund shall be used exclusively by state agencies to
15 accommodate the unanticipated job site or equipment needs of persons of
16 disability in state employ.

17 (2) The director of the department of personnel shall (~~appoint an~~
18 ~~advisory review board to review and approve~~) consult with the
19 governor's committee on disability issues and employment regarding
20 requests for disbursements from the disability accommodation revolving
21 fund. The (~~review board~~) department shall establish application
22 procedures, adopt criteria, and provide technical assistance to users
23 of the fund.

24 (3) Agencies that receive moneys from the disability accommodation
25 revolving fund shall return to the fund the amount received from the
26 fund by no later than the end of the first month of the following
27 fiscal biennium.

28 **MOTOR VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

29 **Sec. 802.** RCW 43.19.558 and 1989 c 57 s 5 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 The motor transport account shall be used to pay the costs of
32 carrying out the programs provided for in RCW 43.19.550 through
33 43.19.558, unless otherwise specified by law. The director of general
34 administration may recover the costs of the programs by billing
35 agencies that own and operate passenger motor vehicles on the basis of

1 a per vehicle charge. The director of general administration, after
2 consultation with affected state agencies (~~and recommendation of the~~
3 ~~motor vehicle advisory committee~~), shall establish the rates. All
4 rates shall be approved by the director of financial management. The
5 proceeds generated by these charges shall be used solely to carry out
6 RCW 43.19.550 through 43.19.558.

7 **Sec. 803.** RCW 43.19.554 and 1990 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) To carry out the purposes of RCW 43.19.550 through 43.19.558
10 and 46.08.065, the director of general administration has the following
11 powers and duties:

12 (a) To develop and implement a state-wide information system to
13 collect, analyze, and disseminate data on the acquisition, operation,
14 management, maintenance, repair, disposal, and replacement of all
15 state-owned passenger motor vehicles. State agencies shall provide the
16 department with such data as is necessary to implement and maintain the
17 system. The department shall provide state agencies with information
18 and reports designed to assist them in achieving efficient and cost-
19 effective management of their passenger motor vehicle operations.

20 (b) To survey state agencies to identify the location, ownership,
21 and condition of all state-owned fuel storage tanks.

22 (c) In cooperation with the department of ecology and other public
23 agencies, to prepare a plan and funding proposal for the inspection and
24 repair or replacement of state-owned fuel storage tanks, and for the
25 clean-up of fuel storage sites where leakage has occurred. The plan
26 and funding proposal shall be submitted to the governor no later than
27 December 1, 1989.

28 (d) To develop and implement a state-wide motor vehicle fuel
29 purchase, distribution, and accounting system to be used by all state
30 agencies and their employees. The director may exempt agencies from
31 participation in the system if the director determines that
32 participation interferes with the statutory duties of the agency.

33 (e) To establish minimum standards and requirements for the content
34 and frequency of safe driving instruction for state employees operating
35 state-owned passenger motor vehicles, which shall include consideration
36 of employee driving records. In carrying out this requirement, the
37 department shall consult with other agencies that have expertise in
38 this area.

1 (f) To develop a schedule, after consultation with ((the state
2 motor vehicle advisory committee and)) affected state agencies, for
3 state employees to participate in safe driving instruction.

4 (g) To require all state employees to provide proof of a driver's
5 license recognized as valid under Washington state law prior to
6 operating a state-owned passenger vehicle.

7 (h) To develop standards for the efficient and economical
8 replacement of all categories of passenger motor vehicles used by state
9 agencies and provide those standards to state agencies and the office
10 of financial management.

11 (i) To develop and implement a uniform system and standards to be
12 used for the marking of passenger motor vehicles as state-owned
13 vehicles as provided for in RCW 46.08.065. The system shall be
14 designed to enhance the resale value of passenger motor vehicles, yet
15 ensure that the vehicles are clearly identified as property of the
16 state.

17 (j) To develop and implement other programs to improve the
18 performance, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of passenger motor
19 vehicles owned and operated by state agencies.

20 (k) To consult with state agencies and institutions of higher
21 education in carrying out RCW 43.19.550 through 43.19.558.

22 (2) The director shall establish an operational unit within the
23 department to carry out subsection (1) of this section. The director
24 shall employ such personnel as are necessary to carry out RCW 43.19.550
25 through 43.19.558. Not more than three employees within the unit may
26 be exempt from chapter 41.06 RCW.

27 (3) No later than December 31, 1992, the director shall report to
28 the governor and appropriate standing committees of the legislature on
29 the implementation of programs prescribed by this section, any cost
30 savings and efficiencies realized by their implementation, and
31 recommendations for statutory changes.

32 **SOLID WASTE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 804.** The director of ecology shall abolish the
34 solid waste plan advisory committee effective July 1, 1994.

35 **POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1 **Sec. 805.** RCW 70.148.030 and 1990 c 64 s 4 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The Washington pollution liability insurance program is created
4 as an independent agency of the state. The administrative head and
5 appointing authority of the program shall be the director who shall be
6 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and shall
7 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The salary for this office
8 shall be set by the governor pursuant to RCW 43.03.040. The director
9 shall appoint a deputy director. The director, deputy director, and up
10 to three other employees are exempt from the civil service law, chapter
11 41.06 RCW.

12 (2) The director shall employ such other staff as are necessary to
13 fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the director. The staff is
14 subject to the civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW. In addition, the
15 director may contract with third parties for services necessary to
16 carry out its activities where this will promote economy, avoid
17 duplication of effort, and make best use of available expertise. To
18 the extent necessary to protect the state from unintended liability and
19 ensure quality program and contract design, the director shall contract
20 with an organization or organizations with demonstrated experience and
21 ability in managing and designing pollution liability insurance and
22 with an organization or organizations with demonstrated experience and
23 ability in managing and designing pollution liability reinsurance. The
24 director shall enter into such contracts after competitive bid but need
25 not select the lowest bid. Any such contractor or consultant is
26 prohibited from releasing, publishing, or otherwise using any
27 information made available to it under its contractual responsibility
28 without specific permission of the program director. The director may
29 call upon other agencies of the state to provide technical support and
30 available information as necessary to assist the director in meeting
31 the director's responsibilities under this chapter. Agencies shall
32 supply this support and information as promptly as circumstances
33 permit.

34 (3) ~~((The governor shall appoint a standing technical advisory~~
35 ~~committee that is representative of the public, the petroleum marketing~~
36 ~~industry, business and local government owners of underground storage~~
37 ~~tanks, and insurance professionals. Individuals appointed to the~~
38 ~~technical advisory committee shall serve at the pleasure of the~~
39 ~~governor and without compensation for their services as members, but~~

1 may be reimbursed for their travel expenses in accordance with RCW
2 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

3 ~~(4) A member of the technical advisory committee of the program is~~
4 ~~not civilly liable for any act or omission in the course and scope of~~
5 ~~his or her official capacity unless the act or omission constitutes~~
6 ~~gross negligence.)) The director may appoint ad hoc technical advisory~~
7 ~~committees to obtain expertise necessary to fulfill the purposes of~~
8 ~~this chapter.~~

9 **OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

10 **Sec. 806.** RCW 70.175.030 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 703 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (1) The department shall establish the Washington rural health
13 system project to provide financial and technical assistance to
14 participants. The goal of the project is to help assure access to
15 affordable health care services to citizens in the rural areas of
16 Washington state.

17 (2) Administrative costs necessary to implement this project shall
18 be kept at a minimum to insure the maximum availability of funds for
19 participants.

20 (3) ~~((The secretary may appoint such technical or advisory~~
21 ~~committees as he or she deems necessary consistent with the provisions~~
22 ~~of RCW 43.70.040. In appointing an advisory committee the secretary~~
23 ~~should assure representation by health care professionals, health care~~
24 ~~providers, and those directly involved in the purchase, provision, or~~
25 ~~delivery of health care services as well as consumers, rural community~~
26 ~~leaders, and those knowledgeable of the issues involved with health~~
27 ~~care public policy. Individuals appointed to any technical advisory~~
28 ~~committee shall serve without compensation for their services as~~
29 ~~members, but may be reimbursed for their travel expenses pursuant to~~
30 ~~RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.~~

31 ~~(4))~~ The secretary may contract with third parties for services
32 necessary to carry out activities to implement this chapter where this
33 will promote economy, avoid duplication of effort, and make the best
34 use of available expertise.

35 ~~((+5))~~ (4) The secretary may apply for, receive, and accept gifts
36 and other payments, including property and service, from any
37 governmental or other public or private entity or person, and may make

1 arrangements as to the use of these receipts, including the undertaking
2 of special studies and other projects related to the delivery of health
3 care in rural areas.

4 ~~((6))~~ (5) In designing and implementing the project the secretary
5 shall consider the report of the Washington rural health care
6 commission established under chapter 207, Laws of 1988. Nothing in
7 this chapter requires the secretary to follow any specific
8 recommendation contained in that report except as it may also be
9 included in this chapter.

10 FISHERIES ADVISORY REVIEW BOARDS

11 **Sec. 807.** RCW 75.30.050 and 1993 c 376 s 9 and 1993 c 240 s 27 are
12 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The director shall appoint three-member advisory review boards
14 to hear cases as provided in RCW 75.30.060. Members shall be from:

15 ~~((a))~~ ~~((The salmon charter boat fishing industry in cases involving
16 salmon charter licenses or angler permits;~~

17 ~~((b))~~ ~~The commercial salmon fishing industry in cases involving
18 commercial salmon fishery licenses;~~

19 ~~((c))~~ The commercial crab fishing industry in cases involving
20 dungeness crab--Puget Sound fishery licenses;

21 ~~((d))~~ (b) The commercial herring fishery in cases involving
22 herring fishery licenses;

23 ~~((e))~~ ~~The commercial Puget Sound whiting fishery in cases involving
24 whiting--Puget Sound fishery licenses;~~

25 ~~((f))~~ (c) The commercial sea urchin fishery in cases involving sea
26 urchin dive fishery licenses;

27 ~~((g))~~ (d) The commercial sea cucumber fishery in cases involving
28 sea cucumber dive fishery licenses; and

29 ~~((h))~~ (e) The commercial ocean pink shrimp industry (*Pandalus*
30 *jordani*) in cases involving ocean pink shrimp delivery licenses.

31 (2) Members shall serve at the discretion of the director and shall
32 be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050,
33 43.03.060, and 43.03.065.

34 FISHERIES REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 808.** A new section is added to chapter 75.30
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 The director of the department of fish and wildlife shall abolish
4 the department's regional advisory committees, effective July 1, 1994.

5 **OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

6 **Sec. 809.** RCW 78.52.010 and 1983 c 253 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 For the purposes of this chapter, unless the text otherwise
9 requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

10 (1) "Certificate of clearance" means a permit prescribed by the
11 ~~((committee))~~ department for the transportation or the delivery of oil,
12 gas, or product.

13 (2) "~~((Committee))~~ Department" means the ~~((oil and gas conservation~~
14 ~~committee))~~ department of natural resources.

15 (3) "Development unit" means the maximum area of a pool which may
16 be drained efficiently and economically by one well.

17 (4) "Division order" means an instrument showing percentage of
18 royalty or rental divisions among royalty owners.

19 (5) "Fair and reasonable share of the production" means, as to each
20 separately-owned tract or combination of tracts, that part of the
21 authorized production from a pool that is substantially in the
22 proportion that the amount of recoverable oil or gas under the
23 development unit of that separately-owned tract or tracts bears to the
24 recoverable oil or gas or both in the total of the development units in
25 the pool.

26 (6) "Field" means the general area which is underlaid by at least
27 one pool and includes the underground reservoir or reservoirs
28 containing oil or gas, or both. The words "field" and "pool" mean the
29 same thing when only one underground reservoir is involved; however,
30 "field," unlike "pool," may relate to two or more pools.

31 (7) "Gas" means all natural gas, all gaseous substances, and all
32 other fluid or gaseous hydrocarbons not defined as oil in subsection
33 (12) of this section, including but not limited to wet gas, dry gas,
34 residue gas, condensate, and distillate, as those terms are generally
35 understood in the petroleum industry.

1 (8) "Illegal oil" or "illegal gas" means oil or gas that has been
2 produced from any well within the state in violation of this chapter or
3 any rule or order of the ((committee)) department.

4 (9) "Illegal product" means any product derived in whole or part
5 from illegal oil or illegal gas.

6 (10) "Interested person" means a person with an ownership, basic
7 royalty, or leasehold interest in oil or gas within an existing or
8 proposed development unit or unitized pool.

9 (11) "Lessee" means the lessee under an oil and gas lease, or the
10 owner of any land or mineral rights who has the right to conduct or
11 carry on any oil and gas development, exploration and operation
12 thereon, or any person so operating for himself, herself, or others.

13 (12) "Oil" means crude petroleum, oil, and all hydrocarbons,
14 regardless of gravity, that are in the liquid phase in the original
15 reservoir conditions and are produced and recovered at the wellhead in
16 liquid form.

17 (13) "Operator" means the person who operates a well or unit or who
18 has been designated or accepted by the owners to operate the well or
19 unit, and who is responsible for compliance with the ((committee's))
20 department's rules and policies.

21 (14) "Owner" means the person who has the right to develop,
22 operate, drill into, and produce from a pool and to appropriate the oil
23 or gas that he or she produces therefrom, either for that person or for
24 that person and others.

25 (15) "Person" means any natural person, corporation, association,
26 partnership, receiver, trustee, executor, administrator, guardian,
27 fiduciary, or representative of any kind and includes any governmental
28 or political subdivision or any agency thereof.

29 (16) "Pool" means an underground reservoir containing a common
30 accumulation of oil or gas, or both. Each zone of a structure which is
31 completely separated from any other zone in the same structure such
32 that the accumulations of oil or gas are not common with each other is
33 considered a separate pool and is covered by the term "pool" as used in
34 this chapter.

35 (17) "Pooling" means the integration or combination of two or more
36 tracts into an area sufficient to constitute a development unit of the
37 size for one well as prescribed by the ((committee)) department.

38 (18) "Product" means any commodity made from oil or gas.

1 (19) "Protect correlative rights" means that the action or
2 regulation by the ((committee)) department should afford a reasonable
3 opportunity to each person entitled thereto to recover or receive
4 without causing waste his or her fair and reasonable share of the oil
5 and gas in this tract or tracts or its equivalent.

6 (20) "Royalty" means a right to or interest in oil or gas or the
7 value from or attributable to production, other than the right or
8 interest of a lessee, owner, or operator, as defined herein. Royalty
9 includes, but is not limited to the basic royalty in a lease,
10 overriding royalty, and production payments. Any such interest may be
11 referred to in this chapter as "royalty" or "royalty interest." As
12 used in this chapter "basic royalty" means the royalty reserved in a
13 lease. "Royalty owner" means a person who owns a royalty interest.

14 (21) "Supervisor" means the state oil and gas supervisor.

15 (22) "Unitization" means the operation of all or part of a field or
16 reservoir as a single entity for operating purposes.

17 (23) "Waste" in addition to its ordinary meaning, means and
18 includes:

19 (a) "Physical waste" as that term is generally understood in the
20 petroleum industry;

21 (b) The inefficient, excessive, or improper use of, or unnecessary
22 dissipation of, reservoir energy, and the locating, spacing, drilling,
23 equipping, operating, or producing of any oil or gas well in a manner
24 which results or is probable to result in reducing the quantity of oil
25 or gas to be recovered from any pool in this state under operations
26 conducted in accordance with prudent and proper practices or that
27 causes or tends to cause unnecessary wells to be drilled;

28 (c) The inefficient above-ground storage of oil, and the locating,
29 spacing, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing of any oil or gas
30 well in a manner causing or tending to cause unnecessary or excessive
31 surface loss or destruction of oil or gas;

32 (d) The production of oil or gas in such manner as to cause
33 unnecessary water channeling, or coning;

34 (e) The operation of an oil well with an inefficient gas-oil ratio;

35 (f) The drowning with water of any pool or part thereof capable of
36 producing oil or gas, except insofar as and to the extent authorized by
37 the ((committee)) department;

38 (g) Underground waste;

39 (h) The creation of unnecessary fire hazards;

1 (i) The escape into the open air, from a well producing oil or gas,
2 of gas in excess of the amount which is reasonably necessary in the
3 efficient development or production of the well;

4 (j) The use of gas for the manufacture of carbon black, except as
5 provided in RCW 78.52.140;

6 (k) Production of oil and gas in excess of the reasonable market
7 demand;

8 (l) The flaring of gas from gas wells except that which is
9 necessary for the drilling, completing, or testing of the well; and

10 (m) The unreasonable damage to natural resources including but not
11 limited to the destruction of the surface, soils, wildlife, fish, or
12 aquatic life from or by oil and gas operations.

13 **Sec. 810.** RCW 78.52.025 and 1983 c 253 s 3 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The ~~((committee))~~ department shall hold hearings or meetings at
16 such times and places as may be found by the ~~((committee))~~ department
17 to be necessary to carry out its duties. The ~~((committee))~~ department
18 may establish its own rules for the conduct of public hearings or
19 meetings consistent with other applicable law.

20 **Sec. 811.** RCW 78.52.030 and 1951 c 146 s 6 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 The ~~((committee shall have the authority and it shall be its duty~~
23 ~~to))~~ department shall employ all personnel necessary to carry out the
24 provisions of this chapter.

25 **Sec. 812.** RCW 78.52.031 and 1983 c 253 s 5 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The ~~((committee shall have the power to))~~ department may subpoena
28 witnesses, ~~((to))~~ administer oaths, and ~~((to))~~ require the production
29 of records, books, and documents for examination at any hearing or
30 investigation conducted by it. No person shall be excused from
31 attending and testifying, or from producing books, papers, and records
32 before the ~~((committee))~~ department or a court, or from obedience to
33 the subpoena of the ~~((committee))~~ department or a court, on the ground
34 or for the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or
35 otherwise, required of ~~((him))~~ the person may tend to incriminate
36 ~~((him))~~ the person or subject ~~((him))~~ the person to a penalty or

1 forfeiture: PROVIDED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed
2 as requiring any person to produce any books, papers, or records, or to
3 testify in response to any inquiry not pertinent to some question
4 lawfully before (~~such committee~~) the department or court for
5 determination. No person shall be subjected to criminal prosecution or
6 to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction,
7 matter, or thing concerning which, in spite of his or her objection, he
8 or she may be required to testify or produce evidence, documentary or
9 otherwise before the (~~committee~~) department or court, or in obedience
10 to its subpoena: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no person testifying shall be
11 exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so
12 testifying.

13 **Sec. 813.** RCW 78.52.032 and 1983 c 253 s 10 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 In addition to the powers and authority, either express or implied,
16 granted to the (~~Washington oil and gas conservation committee~~)
17 department by virtue of the laws of this state, the (~~committee~~)
18 department may, in prescribing its rules of order or procedure in
19 connection with hearings or other proceedings before the (~~committee~~)
20 department, provide for the appointment of one or more examiners to
21 conduct a hearing or hearings with respect to any matter properly
22 coming before the (~~committee~~) department and to make reports and
23 recommendations to the (~~committee~~) department with respect thereto.
24 Any (~~member~~) employee of the (~~committee, or its staff~~) department
25 or any other person designated by the (~~committee~~) commissioner of
26 public lands, or the supervisor when this power is so delegated, may
27 serve as an examiner. The (~~committee~~) department shall adopt rules
28 governing hearings to be conducted before examiners.

29 **Sec. 814.** RCW 78.52.033 and 1951 c 146 s 8 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 In case of failure or refusal on the part of any person to comply
32 with a subpoena issued by the (~~committee~~) department or in case of
33 the refusal of any witness to testify as to any matter regarding which
34 (~~he~~) the witness may be interrogated, any superior court in the
35 state, upon the application of the (~~committee~~) department, may compel
36 (~~him~~) the person to comply with such subpoena, and to attend before
37 the (~~committee~~) department and produce such records, books, and

1 documents for examination, and to give his or her testimony and shall
2 have the power to punish for contempt as in the case of disobedience to
3 a like subpoena issued by the court, or for refusal to testify therein.

4 **Sec. 815.** RCW 78.52.035 and 1951 c 146 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The attorney general shall be the attorney for the ~~((committee:~~
7 ~~PROVIDED,—That))~~ department, but in cases of emergency, the
8 ~~((committee))~~ department may call upon the prosecuting attorney of the
9 county where the action is to be brought, or defended, to represent the
10 ~~((committee))~~ department until such time as the attorney general may
11 take charge of the litigation.

12 **Sec. 816.** RCW 78.52.037 and 1983 c 253 s 4 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 ~~((The department of natural resources is the designated agent of
15 the committee for the purpose of carrying out this chapter. It shall
16 administer and enforce this chapter consistent with the policies
17 adopted by the committee, together with all rules and orders which the
18 committee may adopt and delegate, including but not limited to issuing
19 permits, orders, enforcement actions, and other actions or decisions
20 authorized to be made under this chapter.))~~ The department shall
21 designate a state oil and gas supervisor who shall be charged with
22 duties as may be delegated by the department. The department ~~((of
23 natural resources))~~ may designate one or more deputy supervisors and
24 employ all personnel necessary including the appointment of examiners
25 as provided in RCW 78.52.032 to carry out this chapter and the rules
26 and orders of the ~~((committee))~~ department.

27 **Sec. 817.** RCW 78.52.040 and 1983 c 253 s 6 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 ~~((It shall be the duty of the committee to))~~ The department shall
30 administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter by the adoption
31 of policies, and all rules, regulations, and orders promulgated
32 hereunder, and the ~~((committee is hereby vested with))~~ department has
33 jurisdiction, power, and authority, over all persons and property,
34 public and private, necessary to enforce effectively such duty.

1 **Sec. 818.** RCW 78.52.050 and 1983 c 253 s 7 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The ~~((committee shall have authority to))~~ department may make such
4 reasonable rules, regulations, and orders as may be necessary from time
5 to time for the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter.
6 Unless otherwise required by law or by this chapter or by rules of
7 procedure made under this chapter, the ~~((committee))~~ department may
8 make such rules, regulations, and orders, after notice, as the basis
9 therefor. The notice may be given by publication in some newspaper of
10 general circulation in the state in a manner and form which may be
11 prescribed by the ~~((committee))~~ department by general rule. The public
12 hearing shall be at the time and in the manner and at the place
13 prescribed by the ~~((committee))~~ department, and any person having any
14 interest in the subject matter of the hearing shall be entitled to be
15 heard. In addition, written notice shall be mailed to all interested
16 persons who have requested, in writing, notice of ~~((committee))~~
17 department hearings, rulings, policies, and orders. The ~~((committee))~~
18 department shall establish and maintain a mailing list for this
19 purpose. Substantial compliance with these mailing requirements is
20 deemed compliance with ~~((the provisions herewith))~~ this section.

21 **Sec. 819.** RCW 78.52.070 and 1951 c 146 s 12 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 Any interested person shall have the right to have the
24 ~~((committee))~~ department call a hearing for the purpose of taking
25 action with respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of the
26 ~~((committee))~~ department by filing a verified written petition
27 therefor, which shall state in substance the matter and reasons for and
28 nature of the action requested. Upon receipt of any such request the
29 ~~((committee))~~ department, if in its judgment a hearing is warranted and
30 justifiable, shall promptly call a hearing thereon, and after such
31 hearing, and with all convenient speed, and in any event within twenty
32 days after the conclusion of such hearing, shall take such action with
33 regard to the subject matter thereof as it may deem appropriate.

34 **Sec. 820.** RCW 78.52.100 and 1983 c 253 s 8 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 All rules, regulations, policies, and orders of the ~~((committee))~~
37 department, all petitions, copies of all notices and actions with

1 affidavits of posting, mailing, or publications pertaining thereto, all
2 findings of fact, and transcripts of all hearings shall be in writing
3 and shall be entered in full by the ((committee)) department in the
4 permanent official records of the office of the commissioner of public
5 lands and shall be open for inspection at all times during reasonable
6 office hours. A copy of any rule, regulation, policy, order, or other
7 official records of the ((committee)) department, certified by the
8 ((~~executive secretary of the committee~~)) commissioner of public lands,
9 shall be received in evidence in all courts of this state with the same
10 effect as the original. The ((committee)) department is hereby
11 required to furnish to any person upon request, copies of all rules,
12 regulations, policies, orders, and amendments thereof.

13 **Sec. 821.** RCW 78.52.120 and 1983 c 253 s 11 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Any person desiring or proposing to drill any well in search of oil
16 or gas, before commencing the drilling of any such well, shall apply to
17 the ((committee)) department upon such form as the ((committee))
18 department may prescribe, and shall pay to the state treasurer a fee of
19 the following amounts for each application:

20 (1) For each well the estimated depth of which is three thousand
21 five hundred feet or less, two hundred fifty dollars;

22 (2) From three thousand five hundred one feet to seven thousand
23 feet, five hundred dollars;

24 (3) From seven thousand one feet to twelve thousand feet, seven
25 hundred fifty dollars; and

26 (4) From twelve thousand one feet and deeper, one thousand dollars.

27 In addition, as pertains to the tract upon which the well is
28 proposed to be located, the applicant must notify the surface
29 landowner, the landowner's tenant, and other surface users in the
30 manner provided by regulations of the ((committee)) department that a
31 drilling permit has been applied for by furnishing each such surface
32 landowner, tenant, and other users with a copy of the application
33 concurrent with the filing of the application. Within fifteen days of
34 receipt of the application, each such surface landowner, the
35 landowner's tenant, and other surface users have the right to inform
36 the ((committee)) department of objections or comments as to the
37 proposed use of the surface by the applicant, and the ((committee))
38 department shall consider the objections or comments.

1 The drilling of any well is prohibited until a permit is given and
2 such fee has been paid as ((herein)) provided in this section. The
3 (~~committee shall have the authority to~~) department may prescribe that
4 the said form indicate the exact location of such well, the name and
5 address of the owner, operator, contractor, driller, and any other
6 person responsible for the conduct of drilling operations, the proposed
7 depth of the well, the elevation of the well above sea level, and such
8 other relevant and reasonable information as the ((committee))
9 department may deem necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes
10 of this chapter.

11 The ((committee)) department shall issue a permit if it finds that
12 the proposed drilling will be consistent with this chapter, the
13 rules((~~7~~)) and orders adopted under it, and is not detrimental to the
14 public interest. The ((committee)) department shall impose conditions
15 and restrictions as necessary to protect the public interest and to
16 ensure compliance with this chapter, and the rules and orders adopted
17 by the ((committee)) department. A person shall not apply to drill a
18 well in search of oil or gas unless that person holds an ownership or
19 contractual right to locate and operate the drilling operations upon
20 the proposed drilling site. A person shall not be issued a permit
21 unless that person prima facie holds an ownership or contractual right
22 to drill to the proposed depth, or proposed horizon. Proof of prima
23 facie ownership shall be presented to the ((committee)) department.

24 **Sec. 822.** RCW 78.52.125 and 1971 ex.s. c 180 s 8 are each amended
25 to read as follows:

26 Any person desiring or proposing to drill any well in search of oil
27 or gas, when such drilling would be conducted through or under any
28 surface waters of the state, shall prepare and submit an environmental
29 impact statement upon such form as the department of ecology shall
30 prescribe at least one hundred and twenty days prior to commencing the
31 drilling of any such well. Within ninety days after receipt of such
32 environmental statement the department of ecology shall prepare and
33 submit to (~~each member of the committee~~) the department of natural
34 resources a report examining the potential environmental impact of the
35 proposed well and recommendations for ((committee)) department action
36 thereon. If after consideration of the report the ((committee))
37 department determines that the proposed well is likely to have a

1 substantial environmental impact the drilling permit for such well may
2 be denied.

3 The ((committee)) department shall require sufficient safeguards to
4 minimize the hazards of pollution of all surface and ground waters of
5 the state. If safeguards acceptable to the ((committee)) department
6 cannot be provided the drilling permit shall be denied.

7 **Sec. 823.** RCW 78.52.140 and 1951 c 146 s 16 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The use of gas from a well producing gas only, or from a well which
10 is primarily a gas well, for the manufacture of carbon black or similar
11 products predominantly carbon, is declared to constitute waste prima
12 facie, and such gas well shall not be used for any such purpose unless
13 it is clearly shown, at a public hearing to be held by the
14 ((committee)) department, on application of the person desiring to use
15 such gas, that waste would not take place by the use of such gas for
16 the purpose or purposes applied for, and that gas which would otherwise
17 be lost is not available for such purpose or purposes, and that the gas
18 to be used cannot be used for a more beneficial purpose, such as for
19 light or fuel purposes, except at prohibitive cost, and that it would
20 be in the public interest to grant such permit. If the ((committee))
21 department finds that the applicant has clearly shown a right to use
22 such gas for the purpose or purposes applied for, it shall issue a
23 permit upon such terms and conditions as may be found necessary in
24 order to permit the use of the gas, and at the same time require
25 compliance with the intent of this section.

26 **Sec. 824.** RCW 78.52.150 and 1951 c 146 s 17 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 The ~~((committee has authority, and it shall be its duty, to))~~
29 department shall make such investigations as it may deem proper to
30 determine whether waste exists or is imminent or whether other facts
31 exist which justify action by the ((committee)) department.

32 **Sec. 825.** RCW 78.52.155 and 1983 c 253 s 9 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The ((committee)) department shall make investigations as
35 necessary to carry out this chapter.

1 (2) The (~~committee and the~~) department(~~(, consistent with the~~
2 ~~committee's policies,~~) shall require:

3 (a) Identification of ownership of oil or gas wells, producing
4 leases, tanks, plants, structures, and facilities for the
5 transportation or refining of oil or gas;

6 (b) The making and filing of well logs, core samples, directional
7 surveys, and reports on well locations, drilling, and production;

8 (c) The testing of oil and gas wells;

9 (d) The drilling, casing, operating, and plugging of wells in such
10 a manner as to prevent the escape of oil or gas out of the casings, or
11 out of one pool into another, the intrusion of water into an oil or gas
12 pool, and the pollution of freshwater supplies by oil, gas, or
13 saltwater and to prevent blowouts, cavings, seepages, and fires;

14 (e) The furnishing of adequate security acceptable to the
15 department, conditioned on the performance of the duty to plug each dry
16 or abandoned well, the duty to reclaim and clean-up well drilling
17 sites, the duty to repair wells causing waste, the duty to comply with
18 all applicable laws and rules adopted by the (~~committee~~) department,
19 orders of the (~~committee and the~~) department, all permit conditions,
20 and this chapter;

21 (f) The operation of wells with efficient gas-oil and water-oil
22 ratios and may fix these ratios and limit production from wells with
23 inefficient gas-oil or water-oil ratios;

24 (g) The production of oil and gas from wells be accurately measured
25 by means and upon standards prescribed by the (~~committee~~) department,
26 and that every person who produces, sells, purchases, acquires, stores,
27 transports, treats, or processes oil or gas in this state keeps and
28 maintains for a period of five years within this state complete and
29 accurate records thereof, which records shall be available for
30 examination by the (~~committee~~) department or its agents at all
31 reasonable times, and that every person file with the (~~committee~~)
32 department such reports as it may prescribe with respect to the oil or
33 gas; and

34 (h) Compliance with all applicable laws and rules of this state.

35 (3) The (~~committee and the department, consistent with the~~
36 ~~committee's policies,~~) department shall regulate:

37 (a) The drilling, producing, locating, spacing, and plugging of
38 wells and all other operations for the production of oil or gas;

1 (b) The physical, mechanical, and chemical treatment of wells, and
2 the perforation of wells;

3 (c) Operations to increase ultimate recovery such as cycling of
4 gas, the maintenance of pressure, and the introduction of gas, water,
5 or other substances into producing formations;

6 (d) Disposal of saltwater and oil field brines;

7 (e) The storage, processing, and treatment of natural gas and oil
8 produced within this state; and

9 (f) Reclamation and clean-up of all well sites and any areas
10 directly affected by the drilling, production, operation, and plugging
11 of oil and gas wells.

12 (4) The ~~((committee))~~ department may limit and prorate oil and gas
13 produced in this state and may restrict future production of oil and
14 gas from any pool in such amounts as will offset and compensate for any
15 production determined by the ~~((committee))~~ department to be in excess
16 of or in violation of "oil allowable" or "gas allowable."

17 (5) The ~~((committee))~~ department shall classify wells as oil or gas
18 wells for purposes material to the interpretation or enforcement of
19 this chapter.

20 (6) The ~~((committee and the department, consistent with the
21 committee's policies,))~~ department shall regulate oil and gas
22 exploration and drilling activities so as to prevent or remedy
23 unreasonable or excessive waste or surface destruction.

24 **Sec. 826.** RCW 78.52.200 and 1983 c 253 s 12 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 When necessary to prevent waste, to avoid the drilling of
27 unnecessary wells, or to protect correlative rights including those of
28 royalty owners, the ~~((committee))~~ department, upon its own motion or
29 upon application of interested persons, shall establish development
30 units covering any known pool. Development units shall be of uniform
31 size and shape for the entire pool unless the ~~((committee))~~ department
32 finds that it must make an exception due to geologic, geographic, or
33 other factors. When necessary, the ~~((committee))~~ department may divide
34 any pool into zones and establish development units for each zone,
35 which units may differ in size and shape from those established in any
36 other zone.

1 **Sec. 827.** RCW 78.52.205 and 1983 c 253 s 13 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Within sixty days after the discovery of oil or gas in a pool not
4 then covered by an order of the ((committee)) department, a hearing
5 shall be held and the ((committee)) department shall issue an order
6 prescribing development units for the pool. If sufficient geological
7 or other scientific data from drilling operations or other evidence is
8 not available to determine the maximum area that can be efficiently and
9 economically drained by one well, the ((committee)) department may
10 establish temporary development units to ensure the orderly development
11 of the pool pending availability of the necessary data. A temporary
12 order shall continue in force for a period of not more than twenty-four
13 months at the expiration of which time, or upon the petition of an
14 affected person, the ((committee)) department shall require the
15 presentation of such geological, scientific, drilling, or other
16 evidence as will enable it to determine the proper development units in
17 the pool. During the interim period between the discovery and the
18 issuance of the temporary order, permits shall not be issued for the
19 drilling of direct offsets to a discovery well.

20 **Sec. 828.** RCW 78.52.210 and 1983 c 253 s 14 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) The size and the shape of any development units shall be such
23 as will result in the efficient and economical development of the pool
24 as a whole, and the size shall not be smaller than the maximum area
25 that can be efficiently and economically drained by one well as
26 determined by competent geological, geophysical, engineering, drilling,
27 or other scientific testimony, data, and evidence. The ((committee))
28 department shall fix a development unit of not more than one hundred
29 sixty acres for any pool deemed by the ((committee)) department to be
30 an oil reservoir, or of six hundred forty acres for any pool deemed by
31 the ((committee)) department to be a gas reservoir, plus a ten percent
32 tolerance in either case to allow for irregular sections. The
33 ((committee)) department may, at its discretion, after notice and
34 hearing, establish development units for oil and gas in variance of
35 these limitations when competent geological, geophysical, engineering,
36 drilling, or other scientific testimony, data, and evidence is
37 presented and upon a finding that one well can efficiently and

1 economically drain a larger or smaller area and is justified because of
2 technical, economic, environmental, or safety considerations.

3 (2) The ((committee)) department may establish development units of
4 different sizes or shapes for different parts of a pool or may grant
5 exceptions to the size or shapes of any development unit or units.
6 Where development units of different sizes or shapes exist in a pool,
7 the ((committee)) department shall, if necessary, make such adjustments
8 to the allowable production from the well or wells drilled thereon so
9 that each operator in each development unit will have a reasonable
10 opportunity to produce or receive his or her just and equitable share
11 of the production.

12 **Sec. 829.** RCW 78.52.220 and 1983 c 253 s 15 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 An order establishing development units for a pool shall specify
15 the size and shape of each area and the location of the permitted well
16 thereon in accordance with a reasonable uniform spacing plan. Upon
17 application and after notice and a hearing, if the ((committee))
18 department finds that a well drilled at the prescribed location would
19 not produce in paying quantities, or that surface conditions would
20 substantially add to the burden or hazard of drilling such well, the
21 ~~((committee is authorized to))~~ department may enter an order permitting
22 the well to be drilled pursuant to permit at a location other than that
23 prescribed by such development order; however, the ((committee))
24 department shall include in the order suitable provisions to prevent
25 the production from the development unit of more than its just and
26 equitable share of the oil and gas in the pool.

27 **Sec. 830.** RCW 78.52.230 and 1983 c 253 s 16 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 An order establishing development units for a pool shall cover all
30 lands determined or believed to be underlaid by such pool, and may be
31 modified by the ((committee)) department from time to time to include
32 additional areas determined to be underlaid by such pool. When the
33 ((committee)) department determines that it is necessary for the
34 prevention of waste, or to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, or
35 to protect correlative rights, an order establishing development units
36 in a pool may be modified by the ((committee)) department to increase

1 or decrease the size of development units in the pool or to permit the
2 drilling of additional wells on a reasonably uniform plan in the pool.

3 **Sec. 831.** RCW 78.52.240 and 1983 c 253 s 17 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 When two or more separately-owned tracts are embraced within a
6 development unit, or when there are separately owned interests in all
7 or a part of the development unit, then the owners and lessees thereof
8 may pool their interests for the development and operation of the
9 development unit. In the absence of this voluntary pooling, the
10 ((committee)) department, upon the application of any interested
11 person, shall enter an order pooling all interests, including royalty
12 interests, in the development unit for the development and operation
13 thereof. Each such pooling order shall be made after notice and
14 hearing. The applicant or applicants shall have the burden of proving
15 that all reasonable efforts have been made to obtain the consent of, or
16 to reach agreement with, other owners.

17 **Sec. 832.** RCW 78.52.245 and 1983 c 253 s 18 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 A pooling order shall be upon terms and conditions that are fair
20 and reasonable and that afford to each owner and royalty owner his or
21 her fair and reasonable share of production. Production shall be
22 allocated as follows:

23 (1) For the purpose of determining the portions of production owned
24 by the persons owning interests in the pooled unit, the production
25 shall be allocated to the respective tracts within the unit in the
26 proportion that the surface acres in each tract bear to the number of
27 surface acres included in the entire unit.

28 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the
29 ((committee)) department finds that allocation on a surface acreage
30 basis does not allocate to each tract its fair share, the ((committee))
31 department shall allocate the production so that each tract will
32 receive its fair share.

33 **Sec. 833.** RCW 78.52.250 and 1983 c 253 s 19 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Each such pooling order shall make provision for the drilling
36 and operation of a well on the development unit, and for the payment of

1 the reasonable actual cost thereof by the owners of interests required
2 to pay such costs in the development unit, plus a reasonable charge for
3 supervision and storage facilities. Costs associated with production
4 from the pooled unit shall be allocated in the same manner as is
5 production in RCW 78.52.245. In the event of any dispute as to such
6 costs the ((committee)) department shall determine the proper costs.

7 (2) As to each owner who fails or refuses to agree to bear his or
8 her proportionate share of the costs of the drilling and operation of
9 the well, the order shall provide for reimbursement of those persons
10 paying for the drilling and operation of the well of the nonconsenting
11 owner's share of the costs from, and only from, production from the
12 unit representing that person's interest, excluding royalty or other
13 interests not obligated to pay any part of the cost thereof. The
14 ((committee)) department may provide that the consenting owners shall
15 own and be entitled to receive all production from the well after
16 payment of the royalty as provided in the lease, if any, applicable to
17 each tract or interest, and obligations payable from production, until
18 the consenting owners have been paid the amount due under the terms of
19 the pooling order or order settling any dispute.

20 The order shall determine the interest of each owner in the unit
21 and shall provide that each consenting owner is entitled to receive,
22 subject to royalty or similar obligations, the share of the production
23 of the well applicable to the owner's interest in the unit, and, unless
24 the owner has agreed otherwise, his or her proportionate part of the
25 nonconsenting owner's share of the production until costs are recovered
26 as provided in this subsection. Each nonconsenting owner is entitled
27 to receive, subject to royalty or similar obligations, the share of
28 production from the well applicable to the owner's interest in the unit
29 after the consenting owners have recovered from the nonconsenting
30 owner's share of production the following:

31 (a) In respect to every such well, one hundred percent of the
32 nonconsenting owner's share of the cost of surface equipment beyond the
33 wellhead connections, including but not limited to, stock tanks,
34 separators, treaters, pumping equipment, and piping, plus one hundred
35 percent of the nonconsenting owner's share of the cost of operation of
36 the well, commencing with first production and continuing until the
37 consenting owners have recovered these costs, with the intent that the
38 nonconsenting owner's share of these costs and equipment will be that
39 interest which would have been chargeable to the nonconsenting owner

1 had he or she initially agreed to pay his or her share of the costs of
2 the well from the beginning of the operation;

3 (b) One hundred fifty percent of that portion of the costs and
4 expenses of staking the location, well site preparation, rights of way,
5 rigging-up, drilling, reworking, deepening or plugging back, testing,
6 and completing, after deducting any cash contributions received by the
7 consenting owners, and also one hundred fifty percent of that portion
8 of the cost of equipment in the well, up to and including the wellhead
9 connections; and

10 (c) If there is a dispute regarding the costs, the ((committee))
11 department shall determine the proper costs and their allocation among
12 working interest owners after due notice to interested parties and a
13 hearing on the costs.

14 (3) The operator of a well under a pooling order in which there are
15 nonconsenting owners shall furnish the nonconsenting owners with
16 monthly statements of all costs incurred, together with the quantity of
17 oil or gas produced, and the amount of proceeds realized from the sale
18 of this production during the preceding month. If and when the
19 consenting owners recover from a nonconsenting owner's relinquished
20 interest the amounts provided for in subsection (2) of this section,
21 the relinquished interest of the nonconsenting owner shall
22 automatically revert to him or her, and the nonconsenting owner shall
23 own the same interest in the well and the production from it and be
24 liable for the further costs of the operation as if he or she had
25 participated in the initial drilling and operation.

26 (4) A nonconsenting owner of a tract in a development unit which is
27 not subject to any lease or other contract for the development thereof
28 for oil and gas shall elect within fifteen days of the issuance of the
29 pooling order or such further time as the ((committee)) department
30 shall, in the order, allow:

31 (a) To be treated as a nonconsenting owner as provided in
32 subsections (2) and (3) of this section and is deemed to have a basic
33 landowners' royalty of one-eighth, or twelve and one-half percent, of
34 the production allocated to the tract, unless a higher basic royalty
35 has been established in the development unit. If a higher royalty has
36 been established, then the nonconsenting owner of a nonleased tract
37 shall receive the higher basic royalty. This presumed royalty shall
38 exist only during the time that costs and expenses are being recovered
39 under subsection (2) of this section, and is intended to assure that

1 the owner of a nonleased tract receive a basic royalty free of all
2 costs at all times. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary,
3 the owner shall at all times retain his or her entire ownership of the
4 property, including the right to execute an oil and gas lease on any
5 terms negotiated, and be entitled to all production subject to
6 subsection (2) of this section; or

7 (b) To grant a lease to the operator at the current fair market
8 value for that interest for comparable leases or interests at the time
9 of the commencement of drilling; or

10 (c) To pay his or her pro rata share of the costs of the well or
11 wells in the development unit and receive his or her pro rata share of
12 production, if any.

13 A nonconsenting owner who does not make an election as provided in
14 this subsection is deemed to have elected to be treated under (a) of
15 this subsection.

16 **Sec. 834.** RCW 78.52.257 and 1983 c 253 s 22 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) An order pooling a development unit shall automatically
19 dissolve:

20 (a) One year after its effective date if there has been no
21 production of commercial quantities or drilling operations on lands
22 within the unit;

23 (b) Six months after completion of a dry hole on the unit; or

24 (c) Six months after cessation of production of commercial
25 quantities from the unit, unless, prior to the expiration of such six-
26 month period, the operator shall, in good faith, commence drilling or
27 reworking operations in an effort to restore production.

28 (2) Upon the termination of a lease pooled by order of the
29 (~~committee~~) department under authority granted in this chapter,
30 interests covered by the lease are considered pooled as unleased
31 mineral interests.

32 (3) Any party to a pooling order is entitled, after due notice to
33 all parties, to a hearing to modify or terminate a previously entered
34 pooling order upon presenting new evidence showing that the previous
35 determination of reservoir conclusions are substantially incorrect.

36 (4) The (~~committee, in its discretion~~) department, after notice
37 and hearing, may grant additional time, for good cause shown, before a
38 pooling order is automatically dissolved as provided in subsection (1)

1 of this section. In no case may such an extension be longer than six
2 months.

3 **Sec. 835.** RCW 78.52.260 and 1951 c 146 s 28 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Whenever the (~~committee shall~~) department requires the making and
6 filing of well logs, directional surveys, or reports on the drilling
7 of, subsurface conditions found in, or reports with respect to the
8 substance produced, or capable of being produced from, a "wildcat" or
9 "exploratory" well, as those terms are used in the petroleum industry,
10 such logs, surveys, reports, or information shall be kept confidential
11 by the (~~committee~~) department for a period of one year, if at the
12 time of filing such logs, surveys, reports, or other information, the
13 owner, lessee, or operator of such well requests that such information
14 be kept confidential: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the (~~committee shall~~
15 ~~have the right to~~) department may divulge or use such information in
16 a public hearing or suit when it is necessary for the enforcement of
17 the provisions of this chapter or any rule, regulation, or order made
18 hereunder.

19 **Sec. 836.** RCW 78.52.270 and 1951 c 146 s 29 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Whenever the total amount of oil which all of the pools in this
22 state can currently produce in accordance with good operating
23 practices, exceeds the amount reasonably required to meet the
24 reasonable market demand, the (~~committee~~) department shall limit the
25 oil which may be currently produced in this state to an amount,
26 designated the "oil allowable([±])."
27 The (~~committee~~) department shall then prorate this "oil allowable"
28 among the pools on a reasonable basis, avoiding undue discrimination among the pools, and so that waste
29 will be prevented. In determining the "oil allowable([±])," and in
30 prorating such "oil allowable" among the pools in the state, the
31 (~~committee~~) department shall take into account the producing
32 conditions and other relevant facts with respect to such pools,
33 including the separate needs for oil and gas, and separate needs for
34 oil of particular kinds or qualities, and shall formulate rules setting
35 forth standards or a program for the determination of the "oil
36 allowable([±])," and shall prorate the "oil allowable" in accordance
37 with such standards or program, and where conditions in one pool or

1 area are substantially similar to those in another pool or area, then
2 the same standards or program shall be applied to such pools or areas
3 so that as far as practicable a uniform program will be followed:
4 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That if the amount prorated to a pool as its share
5 of the "oil allowable" is in excess of the amount which the pool can
6 efficiently produce currently, then the ((committee)) department shall
7 prorate to such pool the maximum amount which can be efficiently
8 produced currently without waste.

9 **Sec. 837.** RCW 78.52.280 and 1951 c 146 s 30 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The ((committee)) department shall not be required to determine the
12 reasonable market demand applicable to any single pool of oil except in
13 relation to all pools producing oil of similar kind and quality and in
14 relation to the reasonable market demand. The ((committee)) department
15 shall prorate the "allowable" in such manner as will prevent undue
16 discrimination against any pool or area in favor of another or others
17 resulting from selective buying or nomination by purchasers.

18 **Sec. 838.** RCW 78.52.290 and 1951 c 146 s 31 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Whenever the total amount of gas which all of the pools in this
21 state can currently produce in accordance with good operating practice
22 exceeds the amount reasonably required to meet the reasonable market
23 demand, the ((committee)) department shall limit the gas which may be
24 currently produced to an amount, designated as the "gas
25 allowable<sup>()", which will not exceed the reasonable market demand for
26 gas. The ((committee)) department shall then prorate the "gas
27 allowable" among the pools on a reasonable basis, avoiding undue
28 discrimination among the pools, and so that waste will be prevented,
29 giving due consideration to location of pipe lines, cost of
30 interconnecting such pipe lines, and other pertinent factors, and
31 insofar as applicable, the provisions of RCW 78.52.270 shall be
32 followed in determining the "gas allowable" and in prorating such "gas
33 allowable" among the pools therein: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in
34 determining the reasonable market demand for gas as between pools, the
35 ((committee)) department shall give due regard to the fact that gas
36 produced from oil pools is to be regulated in a manner which will</sup>

1 protect the reasonable use of gas energy for oil production and promote
2 the most or maximum efficient recovery of oil from such pools.

3 **Sec. 839.** RCW 78.52.300 and 1951 c 146 s 32 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Whenever the total amount of gas which may be currently produced
6 from all of the pools in this state has not been limited as hereinabove
7 provided, and the available production from any one pool containing gas
8 only is in excess of the reasonable market demand or available
9 transportation facilities for gas from such pool, the ((committee))
10 department shall limit the production of gas from such pool to that
11 amount which does not exceed the reasonable market demand or
12 transportation facilities for gas from such pool.

13 **Sec. 840.** RCW 78.52.310 and 1951 c 146 s 33 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Whenever the ((committee)) department limits the total amount of
16 oil or gas which may be produced from any pool to an amount less than
17 that which the pool could produce if no restrictions were imposed
18 (whether incidental to, or without, a limitation of the total amount of
19 oil which may be produced in the state) the ((committee)) department
20 shall prorate the allowable production for the pool among the producers
21 in the pool on a reasonable basis, so that each producer will have
22 opportunity to produce or receive his or her just and equitable share,
23 subject to the reasonable necessities for the prevention of waste,
24 giving where reasonable, under the circumstances, to each pool with
25 small wells of settled production, allowable production which prevents
26 the premature abandonment of wells in the pool.

27 All orders establishing the "oil allowable" and "gas allowable" for
28 this state, and all orders prorating such allowables as herein
29 provided, and any changes thereof, for any month or period shall be
30 issued by the ((committee)) department on or before the fifteenth day
31 of the month preceding the month for which such orders are to be
32 effective, and such orders shall be immediately published in some
33 newspaper of general circulation printed in Olympia, Washington. No
34 orders establishing such allowables, or prorating such allowables, or
35 any changes thereof, shall be issued without first having a hearing,
36 after notice, as provided in this chapter: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, When in
37 the judgment of the ((committee)) department, an emergency requiring

1 immediate action is found to exist, the (~~committee is authorized to~~)
2 department may issue an emergency order under this section which shall
3 have the same effect and validity as if a hearing with respect to the
4 same had been held after due notice. The emergency order permitted by
5 this (~~subsection~~) section shall remain in force no longer than thirty
6 days, and in any event it shall expire when the order made after due
7 notice and hearing with respect to the subject matter of the emergency
8 order becomes effective.

9 **Sec. 841.** RCW 78.52.320 and 1951 c 146 s 34 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Whenever the production of oil or gas in this state or any pool
12 therein is limited and the "oil allowable" or "gas allowable" is
13 established and prorated by the (~~committee~~) department as provided in
14 RCW 78.52.310, no person shall thereafter produce from any well, pool,
15 lease, or property more than the production which is prorated thereto.

16 **Sec. 842.** RCW 78.52.330 and 1951 c 146 s 35 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 To assist in the development of oil and gas in this state and to
19 further the purposes of this chapter, the persons owning interests in
20 separate tracts of land, may validly agree to integrate their interests
21 and manage, operate, and develop their land as a unit, subject to the
22 approval of the (~~committee~~) department.

23 **Sec. 843.** RCW 78.52.335 and 1983 c 253 s 23 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) The (~~committee~~) department shall upon the application of any
26 interested person, or upon its own motion, hold a hearing to consider
27 the need for the operation as a unit of one or more pools or parts of
28 them in a field.

29 (2) The (~~committee shall have the authority to~~) department may
30 enter an order providing for the unit operations if (~~the committee~~)
31 it finds that:

32 (a) The unit operations are necessary for secondary recovery or
33 enhanced recovery purposes. For purposes of this chapter secondary or
34 enhanced recovery means that oil or gas or both are recovered by any
35 method, artificial flowing or pumping, that may be employed to produce
36 oil or gas, or both, through the joint use of two or more wells with an

1 application of energy extrinsic to the pool or pools. This includes
2 pressuring, cycling, pressure maintenance, or injections into the pool
3 or pools of a substance or form of energy: PROVIDED, That this does
4 not include the injection in a well of a substance or form of energy
5 for the sole purpose of (i) aiding in the lifting of fluids in the
6 well, or (ii) stimulation of the reservoir at or near the well by
7 mechanical, chemical, thermal, or explosive means;

8 (b) The unit operations will protect correlative rights;

9 (c) The operations will increase the ultimate recovery of oil or
10 gas, or will prevent waste, or will prevent the drilling of unnecessary
11 wells; and

12 (d) The value of the estimated additional recovery of oil and/or
13 gas exceeds the estimated additional cost incident to conducting these
14 operations.

15 (3) The (~~committee shall also have the authority to~~) department
16 may also enter an order providing for unit operations, after notice and
17 hearing, only if the (~~committee~~) department finds that there is clear
18 and convincing evidence that all of the following conditions are met:

19 (a) In the absence of unitization, the ultimate recovery of oil or
20 gas, or both, will be substantially decreased because normal production
21 techniques and methods are not feasible and will not result in the
22 maximum efficient and economic recovery of oil or gas, or both;

23 (b) The unit operations will protect correlative rights;

24 (c) The unit operations will prevent waste, or will prevent the
25 drilling of unnecessary wells;

26 (d) There has been a discovery of a commercial oil or gas field;
27 and

28 (e) There has been sufficient exploration, drilling activity, and
29 development to properly define the one or more pools or parts of them
30 in a field proposed to be unitized.

31 (4) Notwithstanding any of the above, nothing in this chapter may
32 be construed to prevent the voluntary agreement of all interested
33 persons to any plan of unit operations. The (~~committee~~) department
34 shall approve operations upon making a finding consistent with
35 subsection(~~s~~) (2) (b) and (c) of this section.

36 (5) The order shall be upon terms and conditions that are fair and
37 reasonable and shall prescribe a plan for unit operations that
38 includes:

1 (a) A description of the pool or pools or parts thereof to be so
2 operated, termed the unitized area;

3 (b) A statement of the nature of the operations contemplated;

4 (c) An allocation of production and costs to the separately-owned
5 tracts in the unitized area. The allocation shall be in accord with
6 the agreement, if any, of the interested parties. If there is no
7 agreement, production shall be allocated in a manner calculated to
8 ensure that each owner's correlative rights are protected, and each
9 separately-owned tract or combination of tracts receives its fair and
10 reasonable share of production. Costs shall be allocated on a fair and
11 reasonable basis;

12 (d) A provision, if necessary, prescribing fair, reasonable, and
13 equitable terms and conditions as to time and rate of interest for
14 carrying or otherwise financing any person who is unable to promptly
15 meet his or her financial obligations in connection with the unit, such
16 carrying and interest charges to be paid as provided by the
17 ((committee)) department from the person's prorated share of
18 production;

19 (e) A provision for the supervision and conduct of the unit
20 operations, in respect to which each owner shall have a vote with a
21 value corresponding to the percentage of the costs of unit operations
22 chargeable against the owner's interest;

23 (f) The time when the unit operations shall commence, the timetable
24 for development, and the manner and circumstances under which the unit
25 operations shall terminate; and

26 (g) Additional provisions which are found to be appropriate for
27 carrying out the unit operations and for the protection of correlative
28 rights.

29 (6) No order of the ((committee)) department providing for unit
30 operations may become effective until:

31 (a) The plan for unit operations approved by the ((committee))
32 department has been approved in writing by those persons who, under the
33 ((committee's)) department's order, will be required to pay at least
34 seventy-five percent of the costs of unit operations;

35 (b) The plan has been approved in writing by those persons such as
36 royalty owners, overriding royalty owners, and production payment
37 owners, who own at least seventy-five percent of the production or
38 proceeds thereof that will be credited to interests that are free of
39 costs; and

1 (c) The ((committee)) department has made a finding, either in the
2 order providing for unit operations or in a supplemental order, that
3 the plan for unit operations has been so approved. If the plan for
4 unit operations has not been so approved at the time the order
5 providing for unit operations is made, the ((committee)) department
6 shall upon application and notice hold such supplemental hearings as
7 may be required to determine if and when the plan for unit operations
8 has been so approved. If the persons owning required percentages of
9 interest in the unitized area do not approve the plan for unit
10 operations within a period of six months from the date on which the
11 order providing for unit operations is made, or within such additional
12 period or periods of time as the ((committee)) department prescribes,
13 the order will become unenforceable and shall be vacated by the
14 ((committee)) department.

15 (7) An order providing for unit operations may be amended by an
16 order made by the ((committee)) department in the same manner and
17 subject to the same conditions as an original order, except as provided
18 in subsection (8) of this section, providing for unit operations, but
19 (a) if such an amendment affects only the rights and interests of the
20 owners, the approval of the amendment by those persons who own
21 interests that are free of costs is not required, and (b) no such
22 amending order may change the percentage for the allocation of oil and
23 gas as established for any separately-owned tract or combination of
24 tracts by the original order, except with the consent of all persons
25 owning oil and gas rights in the tract, and no such order may change
26 the percentage for the allocation of cost as established for any
27 separately-owned tract or combination of tracts by the original order,
28 except with the consent of all persons owning an interest in the tract
29 or combination of tracts. An amendment that provides for the expansion
30 of the unit area shall comply with subsection (8) of this section.

31 (8) The ((committee)) department, by order, may provide for the
32 unit operation of a reservoir or reservoirs or parts thereof that
33 include a unitized area established by a previous order of the
34 ((committee)) department. The order, in providing for the allocation
35 of unit production, shall first treat the unitized area previously
36 established as a single tract and the portion of the new unit
37 production allocated thereto shall then be allocated among the
38 separately-owned tracts included in the previously established unit
39 area in the same proportions as those specified in the previous order.

1 (9) After the date designated by the ((committee)) department the
2 unit plan shall be effective, oil and gas leases within the unit area,
3 or other contracts pertaining to the development thereof, shall be
4 changed only to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of the
5 unit plan, and otherwise shall remain in full force. Operations
6 carried on under and in accordance with the unit plan shall be regarded
7 and considered as fulfillment of and compliance with all of the
8 provisions, covenants, and conditions, expressed or implied, of the
9 several oil and gas leases upon lands within the unit area, or other
10 contracts pertaining to the development thereof, insofar as the leases
11 or other contracts may relate to the pool or field subject to the unit
12 plan. The amount of production apportioned and allocated under the
13 unit plan to each separately-owned tract within the unit area, and only
14 that amount, regardless of the location of the well within the unit
15 area from which it may be produced, and regardless of whether it is
16 more or less than the amount of production from the well, if any, on
17 each separately-owned tract, shall for all purposes be regarded as
18 production from the separately-owned tract. Lessees shall not be
19 obligated to pay royalties or make other payments, required by the oil
20 and gas leases or other contracts affecting each such separately-owned
21 tract, on production in excess of that amount apportioned and allocated
22 to the separately-owned tract under the unit plan.

23 (10) The portion of the unit production allocated to any tract and
24 the proceeds from its sale are the property and income of the several
25 persons to whom, or to whose credit, the portion and proceeds are
26 allocated or payable under the order providing for unit operations.

27 (11) No division order or other contract relating to the sale,
28 purchase, or production from a separately-owned tract or combination of
29 tracts may be terminated by the order providing for unit operations but
30 shall remain in force and shall apply to oil and gas allocated to the
31 tract until terminated by an amended division order or contract in
32 accordance with the order.

33 (12) Except to the extent that parties affected so agree, an order
34 providing for unit operations shall not be construed to result in a
35 transfer of all or any part of the title of any person to the oil and
36 gas rights in any tract in the unit area. All property, whether real
37 or personal, that may be acquired in the conduct of unit operations
38 hereunder shall be acquired for the account of the owners within the

1 unit area, and shall be the property of those owners in the proportion
2 that the expenses of unit operations are charged.

3 (13) After the date designated by the order of the ((committee))
4 department that a unit plan shall become effective, the designation of
5 one or more unit operators shall be by vote of the lessees of land in
6 the unit area, in a manner to be provided in the unit plan, and any
7 operations in conflict with such unit plan shall be unlawful and are
8 prohibited.

9 (14) A certified copy of any order of the ((committee)) department
10 entered under this section is entitled to be recorded in the auditor's
11 office in the county or counties wherein all or any portion of the unit
12 area is located and, if recorded, constitute notice thereof to all
13 persons. A copy of this order shall be mailed by certified mail to all
14 interested persons.

15 (15) No order for unitization may be construed to allow the
16 drilling of a well on a tract within the unit which is not leased or
17 under contract for oil and gas exploration or production.

18 **Sec. 844.** RCW 78.52.365 and 1983 c 253 s 26 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 The ((committee)) department may administer and enforce RCW
21 78.52.345 and 78.52.355 in accordance with the procedures in this
22 chapter for its enforcement and with the rules and orders of the
23 ((committee)) department.

24 **Sec. 845.** RCW 78.52.460 and 1951 c 146 s 49 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 No plan for the operation of a field or pool of oil or gas as a
27 unit, either whole or in part, created or approved by the ((committee
28 ~~hereunder shall~~)) department under this chapter may be held to violate
29 any of the statutes of this state prohibiting monopolies or acts,
30 arrangements, agreements, contracts, combinations, or conspiracies in
31 restraint of trade or commerce.

32 **Sec. 846.** RCW 78.52.463 and 1989 c 175 s 167 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) Any operation or activity that is in violation of applicable
35 laws, rules, orders, or permit conditions is subject to suspension by
36 order of the ((committee)) department. The order may suspend the

1 operations authorized in the permit in whole or in part. The order may
2 be issued only after the ((committee)) department has first notified
3 the operator or owner of the violations and the operator or owner has
4 failed to comply with the directions contained in the notification
5 within ten days of service of the notice: PROVIDED, That the
6 ((committee)) department may issue the suspension order immediately
7 without notice if the violations are or may cause substantial harm to
8 adjacent property, persons, or public resources, or has or may result
9 in the pollution of waters in violation of any state or federal law or
10 rule. A suspension shall remain in effect until the violations are
11 corrected or other directives are complied with unless declared invalid
12 by the ((committee)) department after hearing or an appeal. The
13 suspension order and notification, where applicable, shall specify the
14 violations and the actions required to be undertaken to be in
15 compliance with such laws, rules, orders, or permit conditions. The
16 order and notification may also require remedial actions to be
17 undertaken to restore, prevent, or correct activities or conditions
18 which have resulted from the violations. The order and notification
19 may be directed to the operator or owner or both.

20 (2) The suspension order constitutes a final and binding order
21 unless the owner or operator to whom the order is directed requests a
22 hearing before the ((committee)) department within fifteen days after
23 service of the order. Such a request shall not in itself stay or
24 suspend the order and the operator or owner shall comply with the order
25 immediately upon service. The ~~((committee or its chairman have the
26 authority to))~~ department may stay or suspend in whole or in part the
27 suspension order pending a hearing if so requested. The hearing shall
28 constitute an adjudicative proceeding under chapter 34.05 RCW, the
29 Administrative Procedure Act.

30 **Sec. 847.** RCW 78.52.467 and 1983 c 253 s 30 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) The sale, purchase, acquisition, transportation, refining,
33 processing, or handling of illegal oil, gas, or product is prohibited.
34 However, no penalty by way of fine may be imposed upon a person who
35 sells, purchases, acquires, transports, refines, processes, or handles
36 illegal oil, gas, or product unless (a) the person knows, or is put on
37 notice of, facts indicating that illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal
38 product is involved, or (b) the person fails to obtain a certificate of

1 clearance with respect to the oil, gas, or product if prescribed by
2 rule or order of the ((committee)) department, or fails to follow any
3 other method prescribed by an order of the ((committee)) department for
4 the identification of the oil, gas, or product.

5 (2) Illegal oil, illegal gas, and illegal product are declared to
6 be contraband and are subject to seizure and sale as provided in this
7 section. Seizure and sale shall be in addition to all other remedies
8 and penalties provided in this chapter for violations relating to
9 illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal product. If the ((committee))
10 department believes that any oil, gas, or product is illegal, the
11 ((committee)) department acting through the attorney general, shall
12 bring a civil action in rem in the superior court of the county in
13 which the oil, gas, or product is found, to seize and sell the same, or
14 the ((committee)) department may include such an action in rem in any
15 suit brought for an injunction or penalty involving illegal oil,
16 illegal gas, or illegal product. A person claiming an interest in oil,
17 gas, or product affected by an action in rem has the right to intervene
18 as an interested party.

19 (3) Actions for the seizure and sale of illegal oil, illegal gas,
20 or illegal product shall be strictly in rem and shall proceed in the
21 name of the state as plaintiff against the oil, gas, or product as
22 defendant. No bond or similar undertaking may be required of the
23 plaintiff. Upon the filing of the petition for seizure and sale, the
24 clerk of the court shall issue a summons, with a copy of the petition
25 attached thereto, directed to the sheriff of the county or to another
26 officer or person whom the court may designate, for service upon all
27 persons having or claiming any interest in the oil, gas, or product
28 described in the petition. The summons shall command these persons to
29 appear and answer within twenty days after the issuance and service of
30 the summons. These persons need not be named or otherwise identified
31 in the summons, and the summons shall be served by posting a copy of
32 the summons, with a copy of the petition attached, on any public
33 bulletin board or at the courthouse of a county where the oil, gas, or
34 product involved is located, and by posting another copy at or near the
35 place where the oil, gas, or product is located. The posting
36 constitutes notice of the action to all persons having or claiming any
37 interest in the oil, gas, or product described in the petition. In
38 addition, if the court, on a properly verified petition, or affidavit
39 or affidavits, or oral testimony, finds that grounds for seizure and

1 for sale exist, the court shall issue an immediate order of seizure,
2 describing the oil, gas, or product to be seized, and directing the
3 sheriff of the county to take the oil, gas, or product into the
4 sheriff's actual or constructive custody and to hold the same subject
5 to further orders of the court. The court, in the order of seizure,
6 may direct the sheriff to deliver the oil, gas, or product seized by
7 him or her under the order to a court-appointed agent. The agent shall
8 give bond in an amount and with such surety as the court may direct,
9 conditioned upon compliance with the orders of the court concerning the
10 custody and disposition of the oil, gas, or product.

11 (4) Any person having an interest in oil, gas, or product described
12 in order of seizure and contesting the right of the state to seize and
13 sell the oil, gas, or product may obtain its release prior to sale upon
14 furnishing to the sheriff a bond approved by the court. The bond shall
15 be in an amount equal to one hundred fifty percent of the market value
16 of the oil, gas, or product to be released and shall be conditioned
17 upon either redelivery to the sheriff of the released commodity or
18 payment to the sheriff of its market value, if and when ordered by the
19 court, and upon full compliance with further orders of the court.

20 (5) If the court, after a hearing upon a petition for the seizure
21 and sale of oil, gas, or product, finds that the oil, gas, or product
22 is contraband, the court shall order its sale by the sheriff in the
23 same manner and upon the same notice of sale as provided by law for the
24 sale of personal property on execution of judgment entered in a civil
25 action, except that the court may order that the oil, gas, or product
26 be sold in specified lots or portions and at specified intervals. Upon
27 sale, title to the oil, gas, or product sold shall vest in the
28 purchaser free of all claims, and it shall be legal oil, legal gas, or
29 legal product in the hands of the purchaser.

30 (6) All proceeds, less costs of suit and expenses of sale, which
31 are derived from the sale of illegal oil, illegal gas, or illegal
32 product, and all amounts paid as penalties provided for by this
33 chapter, shall be paid into the state treasury for the use of the
34 ((committee)) department in defraying its expenses in the same manner
35 as other funds provided by law for the use of the ((committee))
36 department.

37 **Sec. 848.** RCW 78.52.470 and 1989 c 175 s 168 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 Any person adversely affected by any order of the (~~committee~~)
2 department may, within thirty days from the effective date of such
3 order, apply for a hearing with respect to any matter determined
4 therein. No cause for action arising out of any order of the
5 (~~committee shall~~) department accrues in any court to any person
6 unless the person makes application for a hearing as (~~herein~~)
7 provided in this section. Such application shall set forth
8 specifically the ground on which the applicant considers the order to
9 be unlawful or unreasonable. No party shall, in any court, urge or
10 rely upon any ground not set forth in said application. An order made
11 in conformity to a decision resulting from a hearing which abrogates,
12 changes, or modifies the original order shall have the same force and
13 effect as an original. Such hearing shall constitute an adjudicative
14 proceeding under chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act,
15 and shall be conducted in accordance with its provisions.

16 **Sec. 849.** RCW 78.52.480 and 1983 c 253 s 28 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 In proceedings for review of an order or decision of the
19 (~~committee~~) department, the (~~committee~~) department shall be a party
20 to the proceedings and shall have all rights and privileges granted by
21 this chapter to any other party to such proceedings.

22 **Sec. 850.** RCW 78.52.490 and 1983 c 253 s 32 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Within thirty days after the application for a hearing is denied,
25 or if the application is granted, then within thirty days after the
26 rendition of the decision on the hearing, the applicant may apply to
27 the superior court, at the petitioner's option, for (a) Thurston
28 county, (b) the county of petitioner's residence or place of business,
29 or (c) in any county where the property or property rights owned by the
30 petitioner is located for a review of such rule, regulation, order, or
31 decision. The application for review shall be filed in the office of
32 the clerk of the superior court of Thurston county and shall
33 specifically state the grounds for review upon which the applicant
34 relies and shall designate the rule, regulation, order, or decision
35 sought to be reviewed. The applicant shall immediately serve a
36 certified copy of said application upon the (~~executive secretary of~~
37 ~~the committee~~) commissioner of public lands who shall immediately

1 notify all parties who appeared in the proceedings before the
2 ((committee)) department that such application for review has been
3 filed. In the event the court determines the review is solely for the
4 purpose of determining the validity of a rule or regulation of general
5 applicability the court shall transfer venue to Thurston county for a
6 review of such rule or regulation in the manner provided for in RCW
7 ((34.05.538)) 34.05.570.

8 **Sec. 851.** RCW 78.52.530 and 1951 c 146 s 56 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Whenever it shall appear that any person is violating any
11 provisions of this chapter, or any rule, regulation, or order made by
12 the ((committee hereunder)) department under this chapter, and if the
13 ((committee)) department cannot, without litigation, effectively
14 prevent further violation, the ((committee)) department may bring suit
15 in the name of the state against such person in the superior court in
16 the county of the residence of the defendant, or in the county of the
17 residence of any defendant if there be more than one defendant, or in
18 the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred, to restrain
19 such person from continuing such violation. In such suit the
20 ((committee)) department may without bond obtain injunctions
21 prohibitory and mandatory, including temporary restraining orders and
22 preliminary injunctions, as the facts may warrant.

23 **Sec. 852.** RCW 78.52.540 and 1951 c 146 s 57 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 ((In the event the committee should)) If the department fails to
26 bring suit within thirty days to enjoin any apparent violation of this
27 chapter, or of any rule, regulation, or order made by the ((committee
28 hereunder)) department under this chapter, then any person or party in
29 interest adversely affected by such violation, who has requested the
30 ((committee)) department in writing to sue, may, to prevent any or
31 further violation, bring suit for that purpose in the superior court of
32 any county where the ((committee)) department could have instituted
33 such suit. If, in such suit, the court should hold that injunctive
34 relief should be granted, then the state shall be made a party and
35 shall be substituted for the person who brought the suit, and the
36 injunction shall be issued as if the state had at all times been the
37 complainant.

1 OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN CORPORATION

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 853.** A new section is added to chapter 88.46
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 A nonprofit corporation established for the sole purpose of
5 providing contingency plan coverage for any vessel in compliance with
6 RCW 88.46.060 is entitled to liability protection as provided in this
7 section. Obligations incurred by the corporation and any other
8 liabilities or claims against the corporation may be enforced only
9 against the assets of the corporation, and no liability for the debts
10 or actions of the corporation exists against a director, officer,
11 member, employee, incident commander, agent, contractor, or
12 subcontractor of the corporation in his or her individual or
13 representative capacity. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter,
14 neither the directors, officers, members, employees, incident
15 commander, or agents of the corporation, nor the business entities by
16 whom they are regularly employed may be held individually responsible
17 for discretionary decisions, errors in judgment, mistakes, or other
18 acts, either of commission or omission, that are directly related to
19 the operation or implementation of contingency plans, other than for
20 acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The
21 corporation may insure and defend and indemnify the directors,
22 officers, members, employees, incident commanders, and agents to the
23 extent permitted by chapters 23B.08 and 24.03 RCW. This section does
24 not alter or limit the responsibility or liability of any person for
25 the operation of a motor vehicle.

26 **MARINE SAFETY COMMITTEES**

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 854.** A new section is added to chapter 88.46
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 The administrator may appoint ad hoc, advisory marine safety
30 committees to solicit recommendations and technical advice concerning
31 vessel traffic safety. The office may implement recommendations made
32 in regional marine safety plans that are approved by the office and
33 over which the office has authority. If federal authority or action is
34 required to implement the recommendations, the office may petition the
35 appropriate agency or the Congress.

1 **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE OIL SPILL COMPENSATION SCHEDULE**

2 **Sec. 855.** RCW 90.48.366 and 1992 c 73 s 28 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 By July 1, 1991, the department, in consultation with the
5 departments of fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources, and the
6 parks and recreation commission, shall adopt rules establishing a
7 compensation schedule for the discharge of oil in violation of this
8 chapter and chapter 90.56 RCW. (~~The department shall establish a~~
9 ~~scientific advisory board to assist in establishing the compensation~~
10 ~~schedule.~~) The amount of compensation assessed under this schedule
11 shall be no less than one dollar per gallon of oil spilled and no
12 greater than fifty dollars per gallon of oil spilled. The compensation
13 schedule shall reflect adequate compensation for unquantifiable damages
14 or for damages not quantifiable at reasonable cost for any adverse
15 environmental, recreational, aesthetic, or other effects caused by the
16 spill and shall take into account:

17 (1) Characteristics of any oil spilled, such as toxicity,
18 dispersibility, solubility, and persistence, that may affect the
19 severity of the effects on the receiving environment, living organisms,
20 and recreational and aesthetic resources;

21 (2) The sensitivity of the affected area as determined by such
22 factors as: (a) The location of the spill; (b) habitat and living
23 resource sensitivity; (c) seasonal distribution or sensitivity of
24 living resources; (d) areas of recreational use or aesthetic
25 importance; (e) the proximity of the spill to important habitats for
26 birds, aquatic mammals, fish, or to species listed as threatened or
27 endangered under state or federal law; (f) significant archaeological
28 resources as determined by the office of archaeology and historic
29 preservation; and (g) other areas of special ecological or recreational
30 importance, as determined by the department. If the department has
31 adopted rules for a compensation table prior to July 1, 1992, the
32 sensitivity of significant archaeological resources shall only be
33 included among factors to be used in the compensation table when the
34 department revises the rules for the compensation table after July 1,
35 1992; and

36 (3) Actions taken by the party who spilled oil or any party liable
37 for the spill that: (a) Demonstrate a recognition and affirmative
38 acceptance of responsibility for the spill, such as the immediate

1 removal of oil and the amount of oil removed from the environment; or
2 (b) enhance or impede the detection of the spill, the determination of
3 the quantity of oil spilled, or the extent of damage, including the
4 unauthorized removal of evidence such as injured fish or wildlife.

5 **TASK FORCE ON STATE-WIDE EVALUATION OF IRRIGATED AREAS**

6 **Sec. 856.** RCW 90.54.190 and 1989 c 348 s 11 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) (~~The department of ecology may establish a task force to~~
9 ~~assist in a state wide evaluation of irrigated areas, not to exceed six~~
10 ~~months in duration, to determine the associated impacts of efficiency~~
11 ~~measures, efficiency opportunities, and local interest.)) The
12 department ((and the task force)) shall establish a list of basin and
13 stream efficiency initiatives and select an irrigation area for a
14 voluntary demonstration project.~~

15 (2) Prior to conducting conservation assessments and developing
16 conservation plans, the department of ecology shall secure technical
17 and financial assistance from the bureau of reclamation to reduce the
18 costs to the state to the extent possible.

19 (3) A "conservation assessment" as described in this section shall
20 be conducted before a demonstration project to increase the efficiency
21 of irrigated agriculture is undertaken for an irrigated area, a basin,
22 subbasin, or stream. The conservation assessment should:

23 (a) Evaluate existing patterns, including current reuse of return
24 flows, and priorities of water use;

25 (b) Assess conflicting needs for future water allocations and
26 claims to reserved rights;

27 (c) Evaluate hydrologic characteristics of surface and ground water
28 including return flow characteristics;

29 (d) Assess alternative efficiency measures;

30 (e) Determine the likely net water savings of efficiency
31 improvements including the amount and timing of water that would be
32 saved and potential benefits and impacts to other water uses and
33 resources including effects on artificial recharge of ground water and
34 wetland impacts;

35 (f) Evaluate the full range of costs and benefits that would accrue
36 from various measures; and

1 (g) Evaluate the potential for integrating conservation efforts
2 with operation of existing or potential storage facilities.

3 (4) The conservation assessment shall be used as the basis for
4 development of a demonstration conservation plan to rank conservation
5 elements based on relative costs, benefits, and impacts. It shall also
6 estimate the costs of implementing the plan and propose a specific
7 basis for cost share distributions.

8 The demonstration conservation plan shall be developed jointly by
9 the department and a conservation plan formulation committee consisting
10 of representatives of a cross-section of affected local water users,
11 members of the public, and tribal governments. Other public agencies
12 with expertise in water resource management may participate as
13 nonvoting committee members. A proposed demonstration conservation
14 plan may be approved by the department and the committee only after
15 public comment has been received.

16 (5) The department shall reimburse any members (~~(of the task force~~
17 ~~in subsection (2) [(1)] of this section or~~) of the committee in
18 subsection (4) of this section who are not representing governmental
19 agencies or entities for their travel expenses in accordance with RCW
20 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 857.** Broker's Trust Account Board. RCW
22 18.85.500 and 1987 c 513 s 8 are each repealed.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 858.** Washington State Heritage Council. The
24 following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- 25 (1) RCW 27.34.030 and 1983 c 91 s 3;
26 (2) RCW 27.34.040 and 1993 c 101 s 11 & 1983 c 91 s 4; and
27 (3) RCW 27.34.050 and 1983 c 91 s 5.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 859.** Supply Management Advisory Board. RCW
29 43.19.1902 and 1979 c 151 s 97, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 21 s 3, 1967 ex.s.
30 c 104 s 3, & 1965 c 8 s 43.19.1902 are each repealed.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 860.** Motor Vehicle Advisory Committee. RCW
32 43.19.556 and 1989 c 57 s 4 are each repealed.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 861.** Ecological Commission. The following acts
34 or parts of acts are each repealed:

1 (1) RCW 43.21A.170 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 217, 1988 c 36 s 15,
2 1985 c 466 s 50, 1979 c 141 s 68, & 1970 ex.s. c 62 s 17;

3 (2) RCW 43.21A.180 and 1984 c 287 s 76, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s
4 100, & 1970 ex.s. c 62 s 18;

5 (3) RCW 43.21A.190 and 1988 c 127 s 24 & 1970 ex.s. c 62 s 19;

6 (4) RCW 43.21A.200 and 1977 c 75 s 47 & 1970 ex.s. c 62 s 20; and

7 (5) RCW 43.21A.210 and 1970 ex.s. c 62 s 21.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 862.** Nuclear Waste Advisory Council. RCW
9 43.200.050 and 1989 c 322 s 4, 1984 c 161 s 6, & 1983 1st ex.s. c 19 s
10 5 are each repealed.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 863.** Athletic Health Care and Training Council.
12 The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

13 (1) RCW 43.230.010 and 1990 c 33 s 583 & 1984 c 286 s 2;

14 (2) RCW 43.230.020 and 1984 c 286 s 3;

15 (3) RCW 43.230.030 and 1984 c 286 s 4;

16 (4) RCW 43.230.040 and 1984 c 286 s 5; and

17 (5) 1984 c 286 s 13 (uncodified).

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 864.** Insurance Advisory Examining Board. RCW
19 48.17.135 and 1984 c 287 s 96, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 142, & 1967 c
20 150 s 14 are each repealed.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 865.** Right-to-Know Advisory Council. The
22 following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

23 (1) RCW 49.70.120 and 1987 c 24 s 1, 1985 c 409 s 5, & 1984 c 289
24 s 17; and

25 (2) RCW 49.70.130 and 1984 c 289 s 18.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 866.** Winter Recreation Commission. The
27 following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

28 (1) RCW 67.34.011 and 1987 c 526 s 1; and

29 (2) RCW 67.34.021 and 1987 c 526 s 2.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 867.** Science Advisory Board. RCW 70.94.039 and
31 1991 c 199 s 314 are each repealed.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 868.** Korean War Veterans' Memorial Advisory
2 Committee. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- 3 (1) RCW 73.40.020 and 1984 c 81 s 2; and
4 (2) RCW 73.40.050 and 1989 c 235 s 2.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 869.** Oil and Gas Conservation Committee. RCW
6 78.52.020 and 1988 c 128 s 49, 1983 c 253 s 31, 1971 ex.s. c 180 s 7,
7 1961 c 300 s 7, & 1951 c 146 s 4 are each repealed.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 870.** Washington State Maritime Commission. The
9 following acts or parts of acts are each repealed, effective July 1,
10 1995:

- 11 (1) RCW 88.44.005 and 1990 c 117 s 1;
12 (2) RCW 88.44.010 and 1992 c 73 s 15, 1991 c 200 s 901, & 1990 c
13 117 s 2;
14 (3) RCW 88.44.020 and 1991 c 200 s 902 & 1990 c 117 s 3;
15 (4) RCW 88.44.030 and 1991 c 200 s 903 & 1990 c 117 s 4;
16 (5) RCW 88.44.040 and 1991 c 200 s 904 & 1990 c 117 s 5;
17 (6) RCW 88.44.080 and 1991 c 200 s 905 & 1990 c 117 s 9;
18 (7) RCW 88.44.090 and 1990 c 117 s 10;
19 (8) RCW 88.44.100 and 1992 c 73 s 16 & 1990 c 117 s 11;
20 (9) RCW 88.44.110 and 1992 c 73 s 17, 1991 c 200 s 906, & 1990 c
21 117 s 12;
22 (10) RCW 88.44.120 and 1990 c 117 s 13;
23 (11) RCW 88.44.130 and 1990 c 117 s 14;
24 (12) RCW 88.44.140 and 1990 c 117 s 15;
25 (13) RCW 88.44.150 and 1990 c 117 s 16;
26 (14) RCW 88.44.160 and 1991 c 200 s 907 & 1990 c 117 s 17;
27 (15) RCW 88.44.170 and 1990 c 117 s 18;
28 (16) RCW 88.44.180 and 1990 c 117 s 19;
29 (17) RCW 88.44.190 and 1990 c 117 s 20;
30 (18) RCW 88.44.200 and 1990 c 117 s 21;
31 (19) RCW 88.44.210 and 1990 c 117 s 22;
32 (20) RCW 88.44.220 and 1990 c 117 s 23;
33 (21) RCW 88.44.900 and 1990 c 117 s 24; and
34 (22) RCW 88.44.901 and 1990 c 117 s 25.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 871.** Regional Marine Safety Committees. RCW
36 88.46.110 and 1992 c 73 s 24 & 1991 c 200 s 424 are each repealed.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 872.** If any provision of this act or its
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 873.** Headings and captions used in this act
6 constitute no part of the law.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 874.** This act takes effect July 1, 1994.

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