

1 **SB 5652** - H AMD TO H COMM AMD (5652 AMH CFS BURK 1) **687 OUT OF ORDER**
2 **4/11/95**

3 By Representative Thibaudeau

4 On page 1, beginning on line 5 of the striking amendment,
5 strike the remainder of the amendment and insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Welfare fraud damages the state's
7 ability to use its limited resources to help those who legitimately
8 qualify for assistance. In addition, it affects the credibility
9 and integrity of the system, promoting disdain for the law.

10 Persons convicted of committing such fraud should be barred,
11 for a period of time, from receiving additional public assistance.

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13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.08.290 and 1959 c 26 s 74.08.290 are each
14 amended to read as follows:

15 The department is hereby authorized to suspend temporarily the
16 public assistance granted to any person for any period during which
17 such person is not in need thereof.

18 If a recipient is convicted of any crime or offense, and
19 punished by imprisonment, no payment shall be made during the
20 period of imprisonment.

21 If a recipient is convicted of unlawful practices under RCW
22 74.08.331, no payment shall be made for a period to be determined
23 by the court, but in no event less than six months. This
24 suspension of public assistance shall apply regardless of whether
25 the recipient is subject to complete or partial confinement upon
26 conviction, or incurs some lesser penalty."

EFFECT: Prohibits recipients of public assistance who are
convicted of illegally obtaining such assistance from
receiving assistance payments for a minimum of six months.