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1 AN ACT Relating to tax exemptions for hearing instruments; amending
2 RCW 82.08.0283 and 82.12.0277; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.08.0283 and 1996 c 162 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of
7 insulin; prosthetic ~~((and))~~ devices; orthotic devices prescribed for an
8 individual by a person licensed under chapters 18.25, 18.57, or 18.71
9 RCW ~~((or))~~; hearing instruments dispensed or fitted by a person
10 licensed or certified under chapter 18.35 RCW; medicines of mineral,
11 animal, and botanical origin prescribed, administered, dispensed, or
12 used in the treatment of an individual by a person licensed under
13 chapter 18.36A RCW; ostomic items; and medically prescribed oxygen(
14 ~~For the purposes of this section, "medically prescribed oxygen"~~
15 ~~includes, but is not limited to, sale or rental of~~), including, but
16 not limited to, oxygen concentrator systems, oxygen enricher systems,
17 liquid oxygen systems, and gaseous, bottled oxygen systems ~~((to))~~
18 prescribed for an individual ~~((under a prescription issued))~~ by a
19 person licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW for use in the medical

1 treatment of that individual. In addition, the tax levied by RCW
2 82.08.020 shall not apply to charges made for labor and services
3 rendered in respect to the repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving
4 of hearing instruments exempted under this section.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.12.0277 and 1996 c 162 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to the
8 use of insulin; prosthetic ~~((and))~~ devices; orthotic devices prescribed
9 for an individual by a person licensed under chapters 18.25, 18.57, or
10 18.71 RCW ~~((or))~~; hearing instruments dispensed or fitted by a person
11 licensed or certified under chapter 18.35 RCW; medicines of mineral,
12 animal, and botanical origin prescribed, administered, dispensed, or
13 used in the treatment of an individual by a person licensed under
14 chapter 18.36A RCW; ostomic items; and medically prescribed oxygen~~((-~~
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17 not limited to, oxygen concentrator systems, oxygen enricher systems,
18 liquid oxygen systems, and gaseous, bottled oxygen systems ~~((to))~~
19 prescribed for an individual ~~((under a prescription issued))~~ by a
20 person licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW for use in the medical
21 treatment of that individual.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect October 1, 1998.

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