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1 AN ACT Relating to parking fees of the state convention and trade
2 center; and amending RCW 67.40.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 67.40.020 and 1995 c 386 s 12 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The governor is authorized to form a public nonprofit
7 corporation in the same manner as a private nonprofit corporation is
8 formed under chapter 24.03 RCW. The public corporation shall be an
9 instrumentality of the state and have all the powers and be subject to
10 the same restrictions as are permitted or prescribed to private
11 nonprofit corporations, but shall exercise those powers only for
12 carrying out the purposes of this chapter and those purposes
13 necessarily implied therefrom. The governor shall appoint a board of
14 nine directors for the corporation who shall serve terms of six years,
15 except that two of the original directors shall serve for two years and
16 two of the original directors shall serve for four years. After
17 January 1, 1991, at least one position on the board shall be filled by
18 a member representing management in the hotel or motel industry subject
19 to taxation under RCW 67.40.090. The directors may provide for the

1 payment of their expenses. The corporation may acquire, construct,
2 expand, and improve the state convention and trade center within the
3 city of Seattle. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of
4 this section, the corporation may acquire, lease, sell, or otherwise
5 encumber property rights, including but not limited to development or
6 condominium rights, deemed by the corporation as necessary for facility
7 expansion.

8 (2) The corporation may acquire and transfer real and personal
9 property by lease, sublease, purchase, or sale, and further acquire
10 property by condemnation of privately owned property or rights to and
11 interests in such property pursuant to the procedure in chapter 8.04
12 RCW. However, acquisitions and transfers of real property, other than
13 by lease, may be made only if the acquisition or transfer is approved
14 by the director of financial management in consultation with the
15 chairpersons of the appropriate fiscal committees of the senate and
16 house of representatives. The corporation may accept gifts or grants,
17 request the financing provided for in RCW 67.40.030, cause the state
18 convention and trade center facilities to be constructed, and do
19 whatever is necessary or appropriate to carry out those purposes. Upon
20 approval by the director of financial management in consultation with
21 the chairpersons of the appropriate fiscal committees of the house of
22 representatives and the senate, the corporation may enter into lease
23 and sublease contracts for a term exceeding the fiscal period in which
24 these lease and sublease contracts are made. The terms of sale or
25 lease of properties acquired by the corporation on February 9, 1987,
26 pursuant to the property purchase and settlement agreement entered into
27 by the corporation on June 12, 1986, including the McKay parcel which
28 the corporation is contractually obligated to sell under that
29 agreement, shall also be subject to the approval of the director of
30 financial management in consultation with the chairpersons of the
31 appropriate fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the
32 senate. No approval by the director of financial management is
33 required for leases of individual retail space, meeting rooms, or
34 convention-related facilities. In order to allow the corporation
35 flexibility to secure appropriate insurance by negotiation, the
36 corporation is exempt from RCW 48.30.270. The corporation shall
37 maintain, operate, promote, and manage the state convention and trade
38 center.

1 (3) In order to allow the corporation flexibility in its personnel
2 policies, the corporation is exempt from chapter 41.06 RCW, chapter
3 41.05 RCW, RCW 43.01.040 through 43.01.044, chapter 41.04 RCW and
4 chapter 41.40 RCW.

5 (4) The corporation shall accept bank credit cards and debit
6 cards in payment of fees at the parking facilities operated by the
7 corporation.

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