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1 AN ACT Relating to the insurance commissioner; amending RCW
2 43.01.010, 48.02.010, 43.17.020, and 42.17.2401; reenacting and
3 amending RCW 43.17.010; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.01.010 and 1965 c 8 s 43.01.010 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer,
8 auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, and
9 commissioner of public lands(~~(, and insurance commissioner,)~~) shall
10 hold office for the term of four years, and until their successors are
11 elected and qualified; and the term shall commence on the Wednesday
12 after the second Monday of January following their election.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 48.02.010 and 1947 c 79 s .02.01 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) There shall be an insurance commissioner of this state who
16 shall be (~~(elected at the time and in the manner that other state~~
17 ~~officers are elected)~~) appointed by the governor, with the consent of
18 the senate.

1 (2) The commissioner in office (~~(at)~~) on the effective date of this
2 (~~code~~) act shall continue in office for the remainder of the term for
3 which he was elected and until his successor is (~~duly elected and~~
4 ~~qualified~~) appointed.

5 (3) "Commissioner," where used in this (~~code~~) title, means the
6 insurance commissioner of this state.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.17.010 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 16, 1993 c 472 s 17,
8 and 1993 c 280 s 18 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 There shall be departments of the state government which shall be
10 known as (1) the department of social and health services, (2) the
11 department of ecology, (3) the department of labor and industries, (4)
12 the department of agriculture, (5) the department of fish and wildlife,
13 (6) the department of transportation, (7) the department of licensing,
14 (8) the department of general administration, (9) the department of
15 community, trade, and economic development, (10) the department of
16 veterans affairs, (11) the department of revenue, (12) the department
17 of retirement systems, (13) the department of corrections, (~~and~~) (14)
18 the department of health, (~~and~~) (15) the department of financial
19 institutions, and (16) the office of the insurance commissioner, which
20 shall be charged with the execution, enforcement, and administration of
21 such laws, and invested with such powers and required to perform such
22 duties, as the legislature may provide.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.17.020 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each amended
24 to read as follows:

25 There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be
26 known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the
27 director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the
28 director of agriculture, (5) the director of fish and wildlife, (6) the
29 secretary of transportation, (7) the director of licensing, (8) the
30 director of general administration, (9) the director of community,
31 trade, and economic development, (10) the director of veterans affairs,
32 (11) the director of revenue, (12) the director of retirement systems,
33 (13) the secretary of corrections, (~~and~~) (14) the secretary of
34 health, (~~and~~) (15) the director of financial institutions, and (16)
35 the office of the insurance commissioner.

36 Such officers, except the secretary of transportation and the
37 director of fish and wildlife, shall be appointed by the governor, with

1 the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the
2 governor. The secretary of transportation shall be appointed by the
3 transportation commission as prescribed by RCW 47.01.041. The director
4 of fish and wildlife shall be appointed by the fish and wildlife
5 commission as prescribed by RCW 77.04.055.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 42.17.2401 and 1996 c 186 s 504 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 For the purposes of RCW 42.17.240, the term "executive state
9 officer" includes:

10 (1) The chief administrative law judge, the director of
11 agriculture, (~~the administrator of the office of marine safety,~~) the
12 administrator of the Washington basic health plan, the director of the
13 department of services for the blind, the director of the state system
14 of community and technical colleges, the director of community, trade,
15 and economic development, the secretary of corrections, the director of
16 ecology, the commissioner of employment security, the chairman of the
17 energy facility site evaluation council, the secretary of the state
18 finance committee, the director of financial management, the director
19 of fish and wildlife, the executive secretary of the forest practices
20 appeals board, the director of the gambling commission, the director of
21 general administration, the secretary of health, the administrator of
22 the Washington state health care authority, the executive secretary of
23 the health care facilities authority, the executive secretary of the
24 higher education facilities authority, the executive secretary of the
25 horse racing commission, the executive secretary of the human rights
26 commission, the executive secretary of the indeterminate sentence
27 review board, the director of the department of information services,
28 the insurance commissioner, the director of the interagency committee
29 for outdoor recreation, the executive director of the state investment
30 board, the director of labor and industries, the director of licensing,
31 the director of the lottery commission, the director of the office of
32 minority and women's business enterprises, the director of parks and
33 recreation, the director of personnel, the executive director of the
34 public disclosure commission, the director of retirement systems, the
35 director of revenue, the secretary of social and health services, the
36 chief of the Washington state patrol, the executive secretary of the
37 board of tax appeals, the secretary of transportation, the secretary of
38 the utilities and transportation commission, the director of veterans

1 affairs, the president of each of the regional and state universities
2 and the president of The Evergreen State College, each district and
3 each campus president of each state community college;

4 (2) Each professional staff member of the office of the governor;

5 (3) Each professional staff member of the legislature; and

6 (4) Central Washington University board of trustees, board of
7 trustees of each community college, each member of the state board for
8 community and technical colleges, state convention and trade center
9 board of directors, committee for deferred compensation, Eastern
10 Washington University board of trustees, Washington economic
11 development finance authority, The Evergreen State College board of
12 trustees, executive ethics board, forest practices appeals board,
13 forest practices board, gambling commission, Washington health care
14 facilities authority, each member of the Washington health services
15 commission, higher education coordinating board, higher education
16 facilities authority, horse racing commission, state housing finance
17 commission, human rights commission, indeterminate sentence review
18 board, board of industrial insurance appeals, information services
19 board, interagency committee for outdoor recreation, state investment
20 board, commission on judicial conduct, legislative ethics board, liquor
21 control board, lottery commission, marine oversight board, Pacific
22 Northwest electric power and conservation planning council, parks and
23 recreation commission, personnel appeals board, board of pilotage
24 commissioners, pollution control hearings board, public disclosure
25 commission, public pension commission, shorelines hearing board, public
26 employees' benefits board, board of tax appeals, transportation
27 commission, University of Washington board of regents, utilities and
28 transportation commission, Washington state maritime commission,
29 Washington personnel resources board, Washington public power supply
30 system executive board, Washington State University board of regents,
31 Western Washington University board of trustees, and fish and wildlife
32 commission.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
35 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
36 immediately.

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