

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2200

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Passed by the Senate April 14, 1999  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2200** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By Representatives Romero and McMorris; by request of Department of Licensing

Read first time 02/18/1999. Referred to Committee on State Government.

1            AN ACT Relating to the powers of the director of licensing;  
2 amending RCW 43.24.020, 43.24.086, 19.02.030, and 18.54.920; adding a  
3 new section to chapter 43.24 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing  
4 RCW 43.24.010, 43.24.024, 43.24.110, 46.01.050, 46.01.055, and  
5 46.01.090.

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

7            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.24.020 and 1994 c 92 s 496 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9            In addition to other powers and duties granted to the department,  
10 the director of licensing shall administer all laws with respect to the  
11 examination of applicants for, and the issuance of, licenses to persons  
12 to engage in any business, profession, trade, occupation, or activity  
13 except for health professions.

14            **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.24.086 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 s 315 are each  
15 amended to read as follows:

16            It shall be the policy of the state of Washington that the cost of  
17 each professional, occupational or business licensing program be fully  
18 borne by the members of that profession, occupation or business. The

1 director of licensing shall from time to time establish the amount of  
2 all application fees, license fees, registration fees, examination  
3 fees, permit fees, renewal fees, and any other fee associated with  
4 licensing or regulation of professions, occupations or businesses,  
5 except for health professions, administered by (~~the business and~~  
6 ~~professions administration in~~) the department of licensing. In fixing  
7 said fees, the director shall set the fees for each such program at a  
8 sufficient level to defray the costs of administering that program.  
9 All such fees shall be fixed by rule adopted by the director in  
10 accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedure act,  
11 chapter 34.05 RCW.

12 (~~For fees associated with the licensing or regulation of health~~  
13 ~~professions administered by the department of health, see RCW~~  
14 ~~43.70.250.~~)

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The director of licensing shall be appointed  
16 by the governor with the consent of the senate and shall serve at the  
17 pleasure of the governor. The director shall receive a salary in an  
18 amount fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.24 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) The director of licensing shall supervise and administer the  
22 activities of the department of licensing and shall advise the governor  
23 and the legislature with respect to matters under the jurisdiction of  
24 the department.

25 (2) In addition to other powers and duties granted to the director,  
26 the director has the following powers and duties:

27 (a) Enter into contracts on behalf of the state to carry out the  
28 responsibilities of the department;

29 (b) Accept and expend gifts and grants, whether such grants be of  
30 federal or other funds;

31 (c) Appoint a deputy director and such assistant directors, special  
32 assistants, and administrators as may be needed to administer the  
33 department. These employees are exempt from the provisions of chapter  
34 41.06 RCW;

35 (d) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW and perform  
36 all other functions necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the  
37 department;

1 (e) Delegate powers, duties, and functions as the director deems  
2 necessary for efficient administration, but the director is responsible  
3 for the official acts of the officers and employees of the department;  
4 and

5 (f) Perform other duties as are necessary and consistent with law.

6 (3) The director may establish advisory groups as may be necessary  
7 to carry out the responsibilities of the department.

8 (4) The internal affairs of the department shall be under the  
9 control of the director in order that the director may manage the  
10 department in a flexible and intelligent manner as dictated by changing  
11 contemporary circumstances. Unless specifically limited by law, the  
12 director shall have complete charge and supervisory powers over the  
13 department. The director may create such administrative structures as  
14 the director deems appropriate, except as otherwise specified by law,  
15 and the director may employ such personnel as may be necessary in  
16 accordance with chapter 41.06 RCW, except as otherwise provided by law.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.02.030 and 1993 c 142 s 4 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) There is created within the department of licensing a business  
20 license center.

21 (2) The duties of the center shall include:

22 (a) Developing and administering a computerized one-stop master  
23 license system capable of storing, retrieving, and exchanging license  
24 information with due regard to privacy statutes, as well as issuing and  
25 renewing master licenses in an efficient manner;

26 (b) Providing a license information service detailing requirements  
27 to establish or engage in business in this state;

28 (c) Providing for staggered master license renewal;

29 (d) Identifying types of licenses appropriate for inclusion in the  
30 master license system;

31 (e) Recommending in reports to the governor and the legislature the  
32 elimination, consolidation, or other modification of duplicative,  
33 ineffective, or inefficient licensing or inspection requirements; and

34 (f) Incorporating licenses into the master license system.

35 (3) ~~((The department of licensing shall establish the position of  
36 assistant director of the business license center.~~

1       (4)) The director of licensing may adopt under chapter 34.05 RCW  
2 such rules as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this  
3 chapter.

4       **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.54.920 and 1963 c 25 s 18 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       The provisions of RCW 43.24.060(~~(, 43.24.110)~~) and 43.24.120 are  
7 not applicable to the licensing and regulation of the practice of  
8 optometry.

9       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
10 repealed:

11       (1) RCW 43.24.010 and 1979 c 158 s 94, 1965 c 100 s 1, & 1965 c 8  
12 s 43.24.010;

13       (2) RCW 43.24.024 and 1994 c 92 s 497, 1979 c 158 s 96, & 1965  
14 ex.s. c 170 s 42;

15       (3) RCW 43.24.110 and 1997 c 58 s 867 & 1986 c 259 s 149;

16       (4) RCW 46.01.050 and 1994 c 92 s 501, 1979 c 158 s 116, 1969 ex.s.  
17 c 281 s 34, & 1965 c 156 s 5;

18       (5) RCW 46.01.055 and 1979 c 158 s 117, 1969 ex.s. c 281 s 35, &  
19 1967 c 32 s 117; and

20       (6) RCW 46.01.090 and 1990 c 250 s 15, 1979 c 158 s 119, & 1965 c  
21 156 s 9.

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