
HOUSE BILL 1279

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state day of peace; amending RCW
2 1.16.050; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a Washington
5 state day of peace is:

6 (1) An occasion of significant interest to the young people of our
7 state and nation;

8 (2) A day that means more than the absence of war;

9 (3) A day that represents a life where we and our children are free
10 from physical, mental, emotional, and psychological violence;

11 (4) A day of being conscious of the importance of nonviolence
12 within our homes, our neighborhoods, our communities, our nation, and
13 our hearts and lives;

14 (5) A day that is intended to promote peace by bringing
15 individuals, private sector entities, and public sector entities
16 together to work for peace;

17 (6) A day for everyone to follow the time-honored admonition to
18 "Love our neighbors as ourselves";

1 (7) A day when the media should refrain from focusing on negative
2 things and instead focus on all the positive things done by numerous
3 young people throughout this country each and every day;

4 (8) A day that begins with each of us when we respect ourselves,
5 others, the earth, and the things we have been provided, and we work
6 out our differences and problems peacefully and without violence; and

7 (9) A day to urge all our citizens to celebrate for peace on earth,
8 honor the countless good our young people do each day, acknowledge the
9 importance of promoting peace and harmony every day throughout the
10 year, support nonviolent solutions to conflict, and encourage respect
11 for every human being.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2000 c 60 s 1 are each amended to read as
13 follows:

14 The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of
15 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,
16 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,
17 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to
18 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and
19 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial
20 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration
21 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor
22 Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the
23 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day
24 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of
25 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

26 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except
27 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees
28 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are
29 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than
30 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per
31 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each
32 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day
33 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided
34 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines
35 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in
36 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the
37 legislative authority.

1 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal
2 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal
3 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of
4 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts
5 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal
6 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no
7 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

8 Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday,
9 the following Monday shall be the legal holiday.

10 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
11 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

12 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of
13 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an
14 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of
15 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local
16 government legislative authority.

17 The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be
18 recognized as Columbus Day but shall not be considered a legal holiday
19 for any purposes.

20 The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be
21 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be
22 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

23 The legislature declares that the twentieth day of April shall be
24 recognized as a Washington state day of peace but shall not be
25 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

26 The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall
27 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall
28 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

29 The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be
30 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be
31 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

32 The legislature declares that the second Sunday in October be
33 recognized as Washington state children's day but shall not be
34 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

35 The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be
36 recognized as Mother Joseph day and the fourth day of September as
37 Marcus Whitman day, but neither shall be considered legal holidays for
38 any purpose.

1 The legislature declares that the seventh day of December be
2 recognized as Pearl Harbor remembrance day but shall not be considered
3 a legal holiday for any purpose.

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