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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1705**

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**By** House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Barlow, Ormsby, Kenney and Wood)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of health sciences and services  
2 authorities; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.270 and 42.56.270;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to  
4 chapter 82.32 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 35 RCW; creating a new  
5 section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this  
8 section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly  
9 requires otherwise.

10 (1) "Authority" means a health sciences and services authority  
11 created pursuant to this chapter.

12 (2) "Board" means the governing board of trustees of an authority.

13 (3) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and  
14 economic development.

15 (4) "Director" means the director of the department of community,  
16 trade, and economic development.

17 (5) "Health sciences and services" means biosciences that advance  
18 new therapies and procedures to combat disease and promote public  
19 health.

1 (6) "Local government" means a city, town, or county.

2 (7) "Sponsoring local government" means a city, town, or county  
3 that creates a health sciences and services authority.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** PURPOSE. The health sciences and services  
5 program is created to promote bioscience-based economic development and  
6 advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease and promote  
7 public health.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** CREATION. (1) A local government must  
9 establish by ordinance or resolution an authority. At a minimum, the  
10 ordinance must:

11 (a) Specify the powers to be exercised by the authority;

12 (b) Reserve the local government's right to dissolve the authority  
13 after its contractual responsibilities have expired;

14 (c) Establish an administrative board, including: (i) The number  
15 of board members; (ii) the times and terms of appointment for each  
16 board position; (iii) the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to  
17 board members; (iv) the procedures for removing board members and  
18 filing vacancies; and (v) the qualifications for the appointment of  
19 individuals to the board;

20 (d) Establish the authority's boundaries, which must be contiguous  
21 tracts of land;

22 (e) Ensure that private and public funds provided to the authority  
23 will be segregated;

24 (f) Establish guidelines under which the authority may invest its  
25 funds;

26 (g) Provide the requirements for auditing the records of the  
27 authority; and

28 (h) Require the local government's legal counsel to also provide  
29 legal services to the authority.

30 (2) If a city intends to impose the sales and use tax pursuant to  
31 section 12 of this act and is located within a county that also intends  
32 to impose the sales and use tax pursuant to section 12 of this act, the  
33 two local governments must enter into an agreement, duly authorized by  
34 an ordinance or a resolution, for the joint creation and administration  
35 of the authority. The agreement must address all responsibilities and  
36 liabilities for each local government.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    APPLICATIONS.    (1)    The department may  
2    approve applications submitted by local governments for an area's  
3    designation as a health sciences and services authority under this  
4    chapter.    The director shall determine the division to review  
5    applications submitted by local governments under this chapter.    The  
6    application for designation shall be in the form and manner and contain  
7    such information as the department may prescribe, provided the  
8    application shall:

9        (a)    Contain sufficient information to enable the director to  
10    determine the viability of the proposal;

11        (b)    Demonstrate that an ordinance or resolution has been passed by  
12    the legislative authority of a local government that delineates the  
13    boundaries of an area that may be designated an authority;

14        (c)    Be submitted on behalf of the local government, or, if that  
15    office does not exist, by the legislative body of the local government;

16        (d)    Demonstrate that the public funds directed to programs or  
17    facilities in the authority will leverage private sector resources and  
18    contributions to activities to be performed;

19        (e)    Provide a plan or plans for the development of the authority as  
20    an entity to advance as a cluster for health sciences education, health  
21    sciences research, biotechnology development, biotechnology product  
22    commercialization, and/or health care services; and

23        (f)    Demonstrate that the state has previously provided funds to  
24    health sciences and services programs or facilities in the applicant  
25    city, town, or county.

26        (2)    The director shall determine the division to develop criteria  
27    to evaluate the application.    The criteria shall include:

28        (a)    The presence of infrastructure capable of spurring development  
29    of the area as a center of health sciences and services;

30        (b)    The presence of higher education facilities where undergraduate  
31    or graduate coursework or research is conducted; and

32        (c)    The presence of facilities in which health services are  
33    provided.

34        (3)    There shall be no more than two authorities statewide.

35        (4)    The director may reject or approve an application.    When  
36    denying an application, the director must specify the application's  
37    deficiencies.    The decision regarding such designation as it relates to

1 a specific local government is final; however, a rejected application  
2 may be resubmitted.

3 (5) Applications are due July 1, 2008, and must be processed within  
4 sixty days of submission.

5 (6) The director may, at his or her discretion, amend the  
6 boundaries of an authority upon the request of the local government.

7 (7) The department may adopt any rules necessary to implement this  
8 act within one hundred twenty days of the effective date of this act.

9 (8) The department must develop evaluation and performance measures  
10 in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs in the  
11 authorities that are funded with public resources. A report to the  
12 legislature shall be due on a biennial basis beginning December 1,  
13 2009. In addition, the department shall develop evaluation criteria  
14 that enables the local governments to measure the effectiveness of the  
15 program.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** BOARD. (1) An authority shall be overseen  
17 by a board with not more than fourteen members. Board members shall be  
18 appointed by the sponsoring local government and must reside within the  
19 jurisdiction of the local government that created the authority. The  
20 authority board shall select the chair.

21 (2) A simple majority of the board members shall constitute a  
22 quorum.

23 (3) The board shall annually elect a secretary and any other  
24 officers it deems necessary.

25 (4) The local government shall designate an individual with  
26 financial experience to serve as treasurer. The individual may be a  
27 city or county treasurer, city or county auditor, or a private party.  
28 If the treasurer is a private party, the local government shall require  
29 a bond in an amount and under such terms and conditions as the local  
30 government deems necessary to protect the authority. The treasurer  
31 shall have the power to create and maintain funds, issue warrants, and  
32 invest funds in its possession.

33 (5) The board may adopt bylaws or rules for their own governance.

34 (6) Meetings of the board shall be held in accordance with the open  
35 public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW, and at the call of the chair or  
36 when a majority of the board so requests. Meetings of the board may be

1 held at any location and board members may participate in a meeting of  
2 the board by means of a conference telephone or similar communication  
3 equipment under RCW 23B.08.200.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) The authority has  
5 all the general powers necessary to carry out its purposes and duties  
6 and to exercise its specific powers, including the authority may:

7 (a) Sue and be sued in its own name;

8 (b) Make and execute agreements, contracts, and other instruments,  
9 with any public or private entity or person, in accordance with this  
10 chapter;

11 (c) Employ, contract with, or engage independent counsel, financial  
12 advisors, auditors, other technical or professional assistants, and  
13 such other personnel as are necessary or desirable to implement this  
14 chapter;

15 (d) Establish such special funds, and control deposits to and  
16 disbursements from them, as it finds convenient for the implementation  
17 of this chapter;

18 (e) Enter into contracts with public and private entities for  
19 research to be conducted in this state;

20 (f) Delegate any of its powers and duties if consistent with the  
21 purposes of this chapter;

22 (g) Exercise any other power reasonably required to implement the  
23 purposes of this chapter; and

24 (h) Hire staff and pay administrative costs; however, such expenses  
25 shall be paid from moneys provided by the sponsoring local government  
26 and moneys received from gifts, grants, and bequests and the interest  
27 earned on the authority's accounts and investments.

28 (2) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed in this  
29 chapter, the authority is empowered to:

30 (a) Use the authority's public moneys, leveraging those moneys with  
31 amounts received from other public and private sources in accordance  
32 with contribution agreements, promote bioscience-based economic  
33 development, and advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease  
34 and promote public health;

35 (b) Solicit and receive gifts, grants, and bequests, and enter into  
36 contribution agreements with private entities and public entities to  
37 receive moneys in consideration of the authority's promise to leverage

1 those moneys with the revenue generated by the tax authorized pursuant  
2 to section 12 of this act and contributions from other public entities  
3 and private entities, in order to use those moneys to promote  
4 bioscience-based economic development and advance new therapies and  
5 procedures to combat disease and promote public health;

6 (c) Hold funds received by the authority in trust for their use  
7 pursuant to this chapter to promote bioscience-based economic  
8 development and advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease  
9 and promote public health;

10 (d) Manage its funds, obligations, and investments as necessary and  
11 consistent with its purpose, including the segregation of revenues into  
12 separate funds and accounts;

13 (e) Make grants to entities pursuant to contract to promote  
14 bioscience-based economic development and advance new therapies and  
15 procedures to combat disease and promote public health. Grant  
16 agreements shall specify the deliverables to be provided by the  
17 recipient pursuant to the grant. Grants to private entities may only  
18 be provided under a contractual agreement that ensures the state will  
19 receive appropriate consideration, such as an assurance of job creation  
20 or retention, or the delivery of services that provide for the public  
21 health, safety, and welfare. The authority shall solicit requests for  
22 funding and evaluate the requests by reference to factors such as: (i)  
23 The quality of the proposed research; (ii) its potential to improve  
24 health outcomes, with particular attention to the likelihood that it  
25 will also lower health care costs, substitute for a more costly  
26 diagnostic or treatment modality, or offer a breakthrough treatment for  
27 a particular disease or condition; (iii) its potential to leverage  
28 additional funding; (iv) its potential to provide health care benefits;  
29 (v) its potential to stimulate employment; and (vi) evidence of public  
30 and private collaboration;

31 (f) Create one or more advisory boards composed of scientists,  
32 industrialists, and others familiar with health sciences and services;  
33 and

34 (g) Adopt policies and procedures to facilitate the orderly process  
35 of grant application, review, and reward.

36 (3) The records of the authority shall be subject to audit by the  
37 office of the state auditor.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS--GENERAL OBLIGATION  
2 BONDS.    (1) A local government that creates a health sciences and  
3 services authority may incur general indebtedness, and issue general  
4 obligation bonds, to finance the grants and other programs and retire  
5 the indebtedness in whole or in part from the funds distributed  
6 pursuant to section 12 of this act and subject to the following  
7 requirements:

8        (a) The ordinance adopted by the local government creating the  
9 authority and authorizing the use of the excise tax in section 12 of  
10 this act indicates an intent to incur this indebtedness and the maximum  
11 amount of this indebtedness that is contemplated; and

12        (b) The local government includes this statement of the intent in  
13 all notices.

14        (2) The general indebtedness incurred under subsection (1) of this  
15 section may be payable from other tax revenues, the full faith and  
16 credit of the sponsoring local government, and nontax income, revenues,  
17 fees, and rents from the public improvements, as well as contributions,  
18 grants, and nontax money available to the local government for payment  
19 of costs of the grants and other programs or associated debt service on  
20 the general indebtedness.

21        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    LIMITATION ON BONDS ISSUED.    The bonds  
22 issued by a local government under section 7 of this act shall not  
23 constitute an obligation of the state of Washington, either general or  
24 special.

25        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    LIABILITY.    (1) Members of the board, as  
26 well as other persons acting on behalf of the authority, while acting  
27 within the scope of their employment or agency, shall not be subject to  
28 personal liability resulting from their official duties conferred on  
29 them under this chapter.

30        (2) The state, the local government that created the authority, and  
31 the authority shall not be liable for any loss, damage, harm, or other  
32 consequences resulting directly or indirectly from grants provided by  
33 the authority or from programs, services, research, or other activities  
34 funded with such grants.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    DISSOLUTION.    The board may petition the  
2    sponsoring local government to be dissolved upon a showing that it has  
3    no reason to exist and that any assets it retains must be returned to  
4    the state treasurer.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**    A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
6    to read as follows:

7        This chapter does not apply to grants made by a health sciences and  
8    services authority under this act.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**    A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW  
10   to read as follows:

11        The department shall distribute, on a quarterly basis, to a local  
12   government with a health sciences and services authority an amount  
13   equal to .015 percent of the proceeds generated by the taxes authorized  
14   under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW within that local government's  
15   jurisdiction during the previous quarter.    The amounts received under  
16   this section may only be used in accordance with section 6 of this act  
17   or to finance and retire the indebtedness incurred pursuant to section  
18   7 of this act, in whole or in part.

19        **Sec. 13.**    RCW 42.56.270 and 2006 c 369 s 2, 2006 c 341 s 6, 2006 c  
20   338 s 5, 2006 c 302 s 12, 2006 c 209 s 7, 2006 c 183 s 37, and 2006 c  
21   171 s 8 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

22        The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information is  
23   exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

24        (1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or  
25   object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five years  
26   of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private  
27   gain and public loss;

28        (2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person,  
29   firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or  
30   proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as  
31   required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway construction  
32   or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

33        (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by  
34   private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters



1 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects  
2 under RCW 43.23.035;

3 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by  
4 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program  
5 services provided by chapters 15.110, 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and  
6 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or  
7 program services provided by any local agency;

8 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and  
9 any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a  
10 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking  
11 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

12 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state  
13 investment board by any person when the information relates to the  
14 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure  
15 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers  
16 of this information;

17 (7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

18 (8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research  
19 information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington  
20 center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under  
21 chapter 70.95H RCW;

22 (9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public  
23 stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses  
24 the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

25 (10)(a) Financial information, including but not limited to account  
26 numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied by or on  
27 behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company,  
28 partnership, or other entity related to an application for a horse  
29 racing license submitted pursuant to RCW 67.16.260(1)(b), liquor  
30 license, gambling license, or lottery retail license;

31 (b) Financial or proprietary information supplied to the liquor  
32 control board including the amount of beer or wine sold by a domestic  
33 winery, brewery, microbrewery, or certificate of approval holder under  
34 RCW 66.24.206(1) or 66.24.270(2)(a) and including the amount of beer or  
35 wine purchased by a retail licensee in connection with a retail  
36 licensee's obligation under RCW 66.24.210 or 66.24.290, for receipt of  
37 shipments of beer or wine.

1 (11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that  
2 relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b)  
3 data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (c)  
4 determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by  
5 any vendor to the department of social and health services for purposes  
6 of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased  
7 health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011;

8 (12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of  
9 community, trade, and economic development:

10 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any person  
11 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic  
12 development pursuant to RCW 43.330.050(8) and 43.330.080(4); and

13 (ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any person  
14 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic  
15 development or the office of the governor in connection with the  
16 siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that  
17 person's business and until a siting decision is made, identifying  
18 information of any person supplying information under this subsection  
19 and the locations being considered for siting, relocation, or expansion  
20 of a business;

21 (b) When developed by the department of community, trade, and  
22 economic development based on information as described in (a)(i) of  
23 this subsection, any work product is not exempt from disclosure;

24 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means  
25 the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

26 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to  
27 the department of community, trade, and economic development from a  
28 person connected with siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or  
29 relocation of that person's business, information described in (a)(ii)  
30 of this subsection will be available to the public under this chapter;

31 (13) Financial and proprietary information submitted to or obtained  
32 by the department of ecology or the authority created under chapter  
33 70.95N RCW to implement chapter 70.95N RCW;

34 (14) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research  
35 information and data submitted to or obtained by the life sciences  
36 discovery fund authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants  
37 under chapter 43.350 RCW, to the extent that such information, if

1 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to the  
2 providers of this information;

3 (15) Financial and commercial information provided as evidence to  
4 the department of licensing as required by RCW 19.112.110 or  
5 19.112.120, except information disclosed in aggregate form that does  
6 not permit the identification of information related to individual fuel  
7 licensees;

8 (16) Any production records, mineral assessments, and trade secrets  
9 submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or landowner to the  
10 department of natural resources under RCW 78.44.085; (~~and~~)

11 (17)(a) Farm plans developed by conservation districts, unless  
12 permission to release the farm plan is granted by the landowner or  
13 operator who requested the plan, or the farm plan is used for the  
14 application or issuance of a permit(~~(-)~~);

15 (b) Farm plans developed under chapter 90.48 RCW and not under the  
16 federal clean water act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 are subject to RCW  
17 42.56.610 and 90.64.190; and

18 (18) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research  
19 information and data submitted to or obtained by a health sciences and  
20 services authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants under  
21 sections 1 through 6 of this act, to the extent that such information,  
22 if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to  
23 providers of this information.

24 **Sec. 14.** RCW 42.56.270 and 2006 c 369 s 2, 2006 c 341 s 6, 2006 c  
25 338 s 5, 2006 c 209 s 7, 2006 c 183 s 37, and 2006 c 171 s 8 are each  
26 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information is  
28 exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

29 (1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or  
30 object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five years  
31 of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private  
32 gain and public loss;

33 (2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person,  
34 firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or  
35 proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as  
36 required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway construction  
37 or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

1 (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by  
2 private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters  
3 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects  
4 under RCW 43.23.035;

5 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by  
6 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program  
7 services provided by chapters 15.110, 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and  
8 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or  
9 program services provided by any local agency;

10 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and  
11 any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a  
12 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking  
13 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

14 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state  
15 investment board by any person when the information relates to the  
16 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure  
17 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers  
18 of this information;

19 (7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

20 (8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research  
21 information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington  
22 center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under  
23 chapter 70.95H RCW;

24 (9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public  
25 stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses  
26 the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

27 (10) Financial information, including but not limited to account  
28 numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied by or on  
29 behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company,  
30 partnership, or other entity related to an application for a horse  
31 racing license submitted pursuant to RCW 67.16.260(1)(b), liquor  
32 license, gambling license, or lottery retail license;

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34 relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b)  
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37 any vendor to the department of social and health services for purposes

1 of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased  
2 health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011;

3 (12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of  
4 community, trade, and economic development:

5 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any person  
6 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic  
7 development pursuant to RCW 43.330.050(8) and 43.330.080(4); and

8 (ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any person  
9 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic  
10 development or the office of the governor in connection with the  
11 siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that  
12 person's business and until a siting decision is made, identifying  
13 information of any person supplying information under this subsection  
14 and the locations being considered for siting, relocation, or expansion  
15 of a business;

16 (b) When developed by the department of community, trade, and  
17 economic development based on information as described in (a)(i) of  
18 this subsection, any work product is not exempt from disclosure;

19 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means  
20 the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

21 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to  
22 the department of community, trade, and economic development from a  
23 person connected with siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or  
24 relocation of that person's business, information described in (a)(ii)  
25 of this subsection will be available to the public under this chapter;

26 (13) Financial and proprietary information submitted to or obtained  
27 by the department of ecology or the authority created under chapter  
28 70.95N RCW to implement chapter 70.95N RCW;

29 (14) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research  
30 information and data submitted to or obtained by the life sciences  
31 discovery fund authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants  
32 under chapter 43.350 RCW, to the extent that such information, if  
33 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to the  
34 providers of this information;

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36 information provided as evidence to the department of licensing as  
37 required by RCW 19.112.110 or 19.112.120, except information disclosed  
38 in aggregate form that does not permit the identification of  
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11 (18) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research  
12 information and data submitted to or obtained by a health sciences and  
13 services authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants under  
14 sections 1 through 6 of this act, to the extent that such information,  
15 if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to  
16 providers of this information.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. CAPTIONS. Captions used in this act are  
18 not any part of the law.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act  
20 or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
21 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
22 persons or circumstances is not affected.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. CODIFICATION. Sections 1 through 10 of  
24 this act constitute a new chapter in Title 35 RCW.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 13 of this act  
26 expires June 30, 2008.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 14 of this act  
28 takes effect June 30, 2008.

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