

HOUSE BILL 3111

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By Representatives Berg, Barkis, Caldier, and Dent; by request of Attorney General

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1 AN ACT Relating to ; and amending RCW 1.04.010, 1.04.013,
2 1.04.014, 1.04.015, 1.04.016, 1.04.020, 1.04.021, 1.04.030, and
3 1.04.040.

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

5 **Sec.**
6 **1** . RCW 1.04.010 and 1951 c 5 s
7 2 are each amended to read as follows:

8 The ninety-one titles with chapters and sections designated as
9 the "Revised Code of Washington" and attested by the
10 secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the
11 house of representatives of the legislature of the state of
12 Washington, are hereby enacted and designated as the
13 "Revised Code of Washington." Said code is intended to
14 embrace in a revised, consolidated, and codified form and arrangement
15 all the laws of the state of a general and permanent
16 nature.

17 **Sec.**
18 **2** . RCW 1.04.013 and 1951 c 5 s
19 1 are each amended to read as follows:

1 The titles, chapters, and sections designated as the "1950
2 Supplement to the Revised Code of Washington"
3 attested by the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of
4 the house of representatives of the legislature of the state of
5 Washington, and filed with the secretary of state,
6 are hereby enacted and consolidated into and with the
7 Revised Code of Washington. Said 1950 supplement is intended to
8 embrace (1) in a revised and codified form, all those
9 laws of the state of Washington of a general and
10 permanent nature enacted since January 1, 1949, (2) revision and
11 recodification of certain of the titles, chapters,
12 and sections of the revised code, and (3) application
13 of a new system of numbering to all of the sections and certain of
14 the chapters of the revised code, subject to RCW
15 1.04.014.

16 **Sec.**

17 **3** . RCW 1.04.014 and 1951 c 5 s
18 3 are each amended to read as follows:

19 The system of numbering employed in the 1950 supplement is hereby
20 adopted as the general system to be followed in
21 designating sections of the revised code. Specific
22 numbers, in accordance with such system, are authorized to be
23 assigned to sections of the revised code as follows:

24 Those chapters and sections of the revised code expressly
25 numbered or renumbered in the 1950 supplement are
26 authorized to be numbered or renumbered to the new number
27 respectively shown in the 1950 supplement. All other sections of the
28 revised code now existing are authorized to be
29 renumbered by tens according to the plan generally
30 used in the 1950 supplement, using the number of the title, the new
31 number, if any, of the chapter in which the section
32 occurs, and adding the digit "0" to the terminal end
33 of the number marking the position of the section within the chapter.
34 The secretary of state shall, before publication of
35 any laws enacted at this session of the legislature
36 which are by their terms expressly amendatory of any section or
37 sections contained in the revised code or the 1950 supplement,
38 renumber each section and correlate the numbers of
39 sections so renumbered, in accordance with this

1 provision, so that each such section when published bears or is
2 referred to by its proper new number. The secretary
3 of state, in publishing the session laws of this
4 thirty-second session of the legislature shall use therein the
5 applicable new numbers of the respective sections so
6 renumbered.

7 **Sec.**

8 **4** . RCW 1.04.015 and 1951 c 5 s
9 4 are each amended to read as follows:

10 New chapters or sections added to the Revised Code of Washington
11 (as supplemented or modified by the 1950 supplement),
12 as the result of laws enacted at this or subsequent
13 sessions of the legislature, shall be numbered in harmony with said
14 general numbering system, and shall bear such respective numbers in
15 accordance therewith as may be assigned by such
16 official or agency as may be expressly authorized by
17 law so to do.

18 This section shall not prohibit or prevent the correction by any
19 such official or agency, of the number of any section
20 of the revised code found clearly to be incorrectly
21 numbered or incorrectly correlated with other sections as to number.

22 **Sec.**

23 **5** . RCW 1.04.016 and 1951 c 5 s
24 5 are each amended to read as follows:

25 It is the intent that under said numbering system the section
26 factor of the section number shall be treated as a
27 decimal figure, and where new sections must hereafter
28 in codifying be inserted between sections then already consecutively
29 numbered, the proper number for such new section
30 shall be created by the insertion of an additional
31 digit at the terminal end of the number of the section immediately
32 preceding the location at which such new section is to be inserted.

33 **Sec.**

34 **6** . RCW 1.04.020 and 1951 c 5 s
35 6 are each amended to read as follows:

36 The contents of the Revised Code of Washington, after striking
37 therefrom sections repealed or superseded by laws of

1 the state of Washington enacted since January 1,
2 1949, as the revised code is supplemented or modified in the 1950
3 supplement, shall establish the laws of this state of
4 a general and permanent nature in effect on January
5 1, 1951; except, that nothing herein shall be construed as changing
6 the meaning of any such laws and, as a rule of
7 construction, in case of any omissions or any
8 inconsistency between any of the provisions of the revised code as so
9 supplemented or modified and the laws existing immediately preceding
10 this enactment, the previously existing laws shall
11 control. Any section of the Revised Code of
12 Washington (as supplemented or modified by the 1950 supplement)
13 expressly amended by the legislature, including the
14 entire context set out, shall, as so amended,
15 constitute the law and the ultimate declaration of legislative
16 intent.

17 **Sec.**

18 **7** . RCW 1.04.021 and 1950 ex.s.
19 c 16 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
20 The contents of said code shall establish prima facie the laws of
21 this state of a general and permanent nature in
22 effect on January 1, 1949, but nothing herein shall
23 be construed as changing the meaning of any such laws. In case of any
24 omissions, or any inconsistency between any of the
25 provisions of said code and the laws existing
26 immediately preceding this enactment, the previously existing laws
27 shall control.

28 **Sec.**

29 **8** . RCW 1.04.030 and 1950 ex.s.
30 c 16 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
31 All laws of a general and permanent nature enacted after January
32 1, 1949, shall, from time to time, be incorporated
33 into and become a part of said code.

34 **Sec.**

35 **9** . RCW 1.04.040 and 1950 ex.s.
36 c 16 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

1 The code may be cited by the abbreviation "RCW."

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