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By Representative Abbarno

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

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

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

17 The titles, chapters, and sections designated as the "1950
18 Supplement to the Revised Code of Washington" attested by the
19 secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of
20 representatives of the legislature of the state of Washington, and

1 filed with the secretary of state, are hereby enacted and
2 consolidated into and with the Revised Code of Washington. Said 1950
3 supplement is intended to embrace (1) in a revised and codified form,
4 all those laws of the state of Washington of a general and permanent
5 nature enacted since January 1, 1949, (2) revision and recodification
6 of certain of the titles, chapters, and sections of the revised code,
7 and (3) application of a new system of numbering to all of the
8 sections and certain of the chapters of the revised code, subject to
9 RCW 1.04.014.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 1.04.014 and 1951 c 5 s 3 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 The system of numbering employed in the 1950 supplement is hereby
13 adopted as the general system to be followed in designating sections
14 of the revised code. Specific numbers, in accordance with such
15 system, are authorized to be assigned to sections of the revised code
16 as follows:

17 Those chapters and sections of the revised code expressly
18 numbered or renumbered in the 1950 supplement are authorized to be
19 numbered or renumbered to the new number respectively shown in the
20 1950 supplement. All other sections of the revised code now existing
21 are authorized to be renumbered by tens according to the plan
22 generally used in the 1950 supplement, using the number of the title,
23 the new number, if any, of the chapter in which the section occurs,
24 and adding the digit "0" to the terminal end of the number marking
25 the position of the section within the chapter. The secretary of
26 state shall, before publication of any laws enacted at this session
27 of the legislature which are by their terms expressly amendatory of
28 any section or sections contained in the revised code or the 1950
29 supplement, renumber each section and correlate the numbers of
30 sections so renumbered, in accordance with this provision, so that
31 each such section when published bears or is referred to by its
32 proper new number. The secretary of state, in publishing the session
33 laws of this thirty-second session of the legislature shall use
34 therein the applicable new numbers of the respective sections so
35 renumbered.

36 **Sec. 4.** RCW 1.04.015 and 1951 c 5 s 4 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 New chapters or sections added to the Revised Code of Washington
2 (as supplemented or modified by the 1950 supplement), as the result
3 of laws enacted at this or subsequent sessions of the legislature,
4 shall be numbered in harmony with said general numbering system, and
5 shall bear such respective numbers in accordance therewith as may be
6 assigned by such official or agency as may be expressly authorized by
7 law so to do.

8 This section shall not prohibit or prevent the correction by any
9 such official or agency, of the number of any section of the revised
10 code found clearly to be incorrectly numbered or incorrectly
11 correlated with other sections as to number.

12 **Sec. 5.** RCW 1.04.016 and 1951 c 5 s 5 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 It is the intent that under said numbering system the section
15 factor of the section number shall be treated as a decimal figure,
16 and where new sections must hereafter in codifying be inserted
17 between sections then already consecutively numbered, the proper
18 number for such new section shall be created by the insertion of an
19 additional digit at the terminal end of the number of the section
20 immediately preceding the location at which such new section is to be
21 inserted.

22 **Sec. 6.** RCW 1.04.020 and 1951 c 5 s 6 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 The contents of the Revised Code of Washington, after striking
25 therefrom sections repealed or superseded by laws of the state of
26 Washington enacted since January 1, 1949, as the revised code is
27 supplemented or modified in the 1950 supplement, shall establish the
28 laws of this state of a general and permanent nature in effect on
29 January 1, 1951; except, that nothing herein shall be construed as
30 changing the meaning of any such laws and, as a rule of construction,
31 in case of any omissions or any inconsistency between any of the
32 provisions of the revised code as so supplemented or modified and the
33 laws existing immediately preceding this enactment, the previously
34 existing laws shall control. Any section of the Revised Code of
35 Washington (as supplemented or modified by the 1950 supplement)
36 expressly amended by the legislature, including the entire context
37 set out, shall, as so amended, constitute the law and the ultimate
38 declaration of legislative intent.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 1.04.021 and 1950 ex.s. c 16 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The contents of said code shall establish prima facie the laws of
4 this state of a general and permanent nature in effect on January 1,
5 1949, but nothing herein shall be construed as changing the meaning
6 of any such laws. In case of any omissions, or any inconsistency
7 between any of the provisions of said code and the laws existing
8 immediately preceding this enactment, the previously existing laws
9 shall control.

10 **Sec. 8.** RCW 1.04.030 and 1950 ex.s. c 16 s 3 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 All laws of a general and permanent nature enacted after January
13 1, 1949, shall, from time to time, be incorporated into and become a
14 part of said code.

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

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

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