

CHAPTER 294.

[S. B. 330.]

ACCOUNTANCY.

AN ACT relating to accountancy; and amending section 6, chapter 226, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.04.070, and section 29, chapter 226, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.04.300.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 6, chapter 226, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.04.070 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.04.070 amended.

The board shall elect annually a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary. The board may adopt, and amend from time to time, rules and regulations for the orderly conduct of its affairs and for the administration of this chapter. The board may promulgate and amend rules of professional conduct appropriate to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity and dignity in the profession of public accountancy. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall keep records of its proceedings which shall be open for public inspection. The board may hire such employees as are necessary to assist it in the performance of its duties and the keeping of its records.

Board of accountancy. Organizational powers—Rules and regulations—Quorum—Records—Personnel.

SEC. 2. Section 29, chapter 226, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.04.300 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.04.300 amended.

Upon complying with RCW 18.04.320 the board may revoke or suspend any certificate issued under RCW 18.04.120, or any license issued under RCW 18.04.210, or any registration under RCW 18.04.230 through 18.04.260, or may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any annual permit issued under RCW 18.04.290 for any one or any combination of the following causes:

Revocation and suspension of certificates, licenses, registration, or permit.

(1) The practice of any fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate as a certified public accountant,

or a license as a licensed public accountant, or in obtaining registration under this chapter, or in obtaining an annual permit under this chapter;

(2) Dishonesty, fraud or gross negligence in the practice of public accounting;

(3) Violation of any of the provisions of RCW 18.04.340;

(4) Violation of the rules of professional conduct promulgated by the board under the authority granted by RCW 18.04.070;

(5) Conviction of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United States;

(6) Conviction of any crime, an essential element of which is dishonesty or fraud, under the laws of any state or of the United States;

(7) Cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal of renewal of the authority to practice as a certified public accountant, as a licensed public accountant, or as a public accountant in any of the United States; or

(8) Failure by any person not a citizen of the United States to become a citizen within six years from the date he receives a certificate as a certified public accountant or a license as a licensed public accountant as provided in this chapter.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1961.

Passed the House March 5, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1961.