

amount of state and local property taxes levied on similar land owned by a private person and classified as "open space land" or "farm and agricultural land" or "timber land" under the definitions of RCW 84.34.020 and registered under the provisions of chapter 84.34 RCW: PROVIDED, That the parcel limitations contained in such definitions shall be disregarded for the purposes of this section only.

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CHAPTER 247

[Senate Bill No. 295]

EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL DATES OF LICENSES FOR BOARDING HOMES,  
NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS

AN ACT Relating to the licensing of boarding homes, nursing homes, hospitals, and private establishments; amending section 5, chapter 253, Laws of 1957 and RCW 18.20.050; amending section 6, chapter 117, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 4, chapter 160, Laws of 1953 and RCW 18.51.050; amending section 11, chapter 267, Laws of 1955 and RCW 70.41.110; and amending section 71.12.490, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.12.490.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 5, chapter 253, Laws of 1957 and RCW 18.20.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt of an application for license, if the applicant and the boarding home facilities meet the requirements established under this chapter, the department or the department and the authorized health department jointly, shall issue a license. If there is a failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or the standards, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the department, or the department and authorized health department, may in its discretion issue to an applicant for a license, or for the renewal of a license, a provisional license which will permit the operation of the boarding home for a period to be determined by the department, or the department and authorized health department, but not to exceed twelve months, which provisional license shall not be subject to renewal. At the time of the issuance or renewal of a license or provisional license the licensee shall pay a license fee of ten dollars plus one dollar per bed capacity per year, but in no event shall the total exceed fifty dollars. When the license or provisional license is issued jointly by the department and

authorized health department, the license fee shall be paid to the authorized health department. All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on ((the first day of January next succeeding the date of issue)) a date to be set by the board, but no license issued pursuant to this chapter shall exceed twelve months in duration: PROVIDED, That when the annual license renewal date of a previously licensed boarding home is set by the board on a date less than twelve months prior to the expiration date of a license in effect at the time of reissuance, the license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis and a credit be allowed at the first renewal of a license for any period of one month or more covered by the previous license. All applications for renewal of license shall be made not later than thirty days prior to the date of expiration of the license. Each license shall be issued only for the premises and persons named in the application, and no license shall be transferable or assignable. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

Sec. 2. Section 6, chapter 117, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 4, chapter 160, Laws of 1953 and RCW 18.51.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt of an application for license, the department, or the department and the approved health department jointly, shall issue a license or a provisional license if the applicant and the nursing home facilities meet the requirements established under this chapter. At the time of issuance or renewal of the license or provisional license the licensee shall pay a license fee of fifteen dollars plus one dollar per bed capacity per year, but in no event shall the total exceed one hundred dollars. No fee shall be required of government operated institutions. When the license or provisional license is issued jointly by the department and an approved health department, the license fee shall be paid to the approved health department. All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on ((the first day of July next succeeding the date of issue)) a date to be set by the board, but no license issued pursuant to this chapter shall exceed twelve months in duration: PROVIDED, That when the annual license renewal date of a previously licensed nursing home is set by the board on a date less than twelve months prior to the expiration date of a license in effect at the time of reissuance, the license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis and a credit be allowed at the first renewal of a license for any period of one month or more covered by the previous license. All applications for renewal of license shall be made not later than thirty days prior to the date of expiration of the license. Each license shall be issued only for the premises and persons named in the application, and no license shall be transferable or assignable

except with the written approval of the department. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

If there be a failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or the standards, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the department, or the department and approved health department, may in its discretion issue to an applicant for a license, or for the renewal of a license, a provisional license which will permit the operation of the nursing home for a period to be determined by the department, or the department and approved health department, but not to exceed twelve months.

Sec. 3. Section 11, chapter 267, Laws of 1955 and RCW 70.41.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt of an application for license and the license fee, the department shall issue a license or a provisional license if the applicant and the hospital facilities meet the requirements of this chapter and the standards, rules and regulations established by the board. All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on ((the first day of January next succeeding the date of issue)) a date to be set by the board, but no license issued pursuant to this chapter shall exceed twelve months in duration; PROVIDED, That when the annual license renewal date of a previously licensed hospital is set by the board on a date less than twelve months prior to the expiration date of a license in effect at the time of reissuance, the license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis and a credit be allowed at the first renewal of a license for any period of one month or more covered by the previous license. Each license shall be issued only for the premises and persons named in the application, and no license shall be transferable or assignable except with the written approval of the department. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

If there be a failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter or the standards, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, the department may in its discretion issue to an applicant for a license, or for the renewal of a license, a provisional license which will permit the operation of the hospital for a period to be determined by the department, but shall not exceed twelve months, unless approved by the board.

Sec. 4. Section 71.12.490, chapter 25, Laws of 1959 and RCW 71.12.490 are each amended to read as follows:

All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire on ((the first day of July next succeeding the date of issue)) a date to be set by the state board of health, but no license issued pursuant to this chapter shall exceed twelve months in duration; PROVIDED, That when the annual license renewal date of a previously licensed private establishment is set by the board on a date less

than twelve months prior to the expiration date of a license in effect at the time of reissuance, the license fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis and a credit be allowed at the first renewal of a license for any period of one month or more covered by the previous license. Application for renewal of the license, accompanied by the necessary fee, shall be filed with the department of ((health)) social and health services annually, not less than ten days prior to its expiration and if application is not so filed, the license shall be automatically canceled.

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CHAPTER 248

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 401]

MOTOR VEHICLES--

PERMITS USE OF HIGHWAYS BY LARGER VEHICLES--

INCREASES FEES--

ISSUANCE OF OVERWEIGHT PERMITS BY CITIES AND COUNTIES

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the operation of vehicles of certain sizes; amending section 46.44.220, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.44.020; amending section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 61, chapter 145, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.030; amending section 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 8, chapter 174, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.44.0941; and amending section 46.44.096, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 31, chapter 281, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.096.

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

Section 1. Section 46.44.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1965 and RCW 41.44.020 are each amended to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any vehicle unladen or with load to exceed a height of thirteen feet and six inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands: PROVIDED, That automobile transporters and boat transporters shall not exceed fourteen feet and that these height limitations shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles or repair equipment of a public utility engaged in reasonably necessary operation. The provisions of this section shall not relieve the owner or operator of a vehicle or combination of