## SIXTY FIFTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

## SEVENTY SECOND DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, March 21, 2017

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Orwall presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fourth order of business.

## INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 2169 by Representatives Shea, McCaslin, Taylor,
 Condotta, Hargrove, Kirby, Sells, Griffey and
 Pike

AN ACT Relating to implementation of year-round Pacific Standard Time; adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and repealing RCW 1.20.051.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Elections & Information Technology.

HB 2170 by Representative Tharinger

AN ACT Relating to the capital budget.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

**HB 2171** by Representative Tharinger

AN ACT Relating to state general obligation bonds and related accounts.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fifth order of business.

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

March 16, 2017

SB 5011 Prime Sponsor, Senator Pedersen: Concerning the business corporation act. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 16, 2017

SB 5049 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Concerning relocation assistance following real property acquisition. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following: "Sec. 1. RCW 8.26.010 and 1988 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) The purposes of this chapter are:
- (a) To establish a uniform policy for the fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced as a direct result of public works programs of the state and local governments in order that such persons shall not suffer disproportionate injuries as a result of programs designed for the benefit of the public as a whole and to minimize the hardship of displacement on such persons;
- (b) To encourage and expedite the acquisition of real property for public works programs by agreements with owners, to reduce litigation and relieve congestion in the courts, to assure consistent treatment for owners affected by state and local programs, and to promote public confidence in state and local land acquisition practices;
- (c) To require the state, local public agencies, and other persons who have the authority to acquire property by eminent domain under state law to comply with the provisions of this act in order to assure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons and property owners impacted by public projects.
- (2) ((Notwithstanding the provisions and limitations of this chapter requiring a local public agency to comply with the provisions of this chapter, the governing body of any local public agency may elect

not to comply with the provisions of RCW 8.26.035 through 8.26.115 in connection with a program or project not receiving federal financial assistance. Any person who has the authority to acquire property by eminent domain under state law may elect not to comply with RCW 8.26.180 through 8.26.200 in connection with a program or project not receiving federal financial assistance.

- (3))) Any determination by the head of a state agency or local public agency administering a program or project as to payments under this chapter is subject to review pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW; otherwise, no provision of this chapter may be construed to give any person a cause of action in any court.
- ((\(\frac{(4+)}{1}\))) (3) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, any state or local public agency providing a grant, loan, or matching funds for any program or project that displaces persons who are eligible for relocation assistance under this chapter may not limit, restrict, or otherwise prohibit grant, loan, or matching fund money from being used for any required relocation assistance payments.
- (4) The governing body of any local public agency may elect not to comply with the provisions of RCW 8.26.035 through 8.26.115 in connection with a program or project not receiving federal financial assistance initiated on or before December 31, 2017.
- (5) Nothing in this chapter may be construed as creating in any condemnation proceedings brought under the power of eminent domain, any element of value or of damage not in existence immediately before March 16, 1988."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 16, 2017

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Allowing the department of corrections to provide temporary housing assistance to individuals being released from certain corrections centers for women. Reported by Committee on

Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Ryu, Chair; Macri, Vice Chair; Reeves and Sawyer.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives McCabe, Ranking Minority Member; Barkis, Assistant Ranking Minority Member and Jenkin.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 16, 2017

SSB 5081

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Adopting the revised uniform law on notarial acts. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be known and cited as the revised uniform law on notarial acts.

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 2. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- (1) "Acknowledgment" means a declaration by an individual in the presence of a notarial officer stating that the individual has signed a record of the individual's free will for the purpose stated in the record and, if the record is signed in a representative capacity, the individual also declares that he or she signed the record with proper authority and signed it as the act of the individual or entity identified in the record.
- (2) "Department" means the department of licensing.
- (3) "Director" means the director of licensing or the director's designee.
- (4) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.
- (5) "Electronic records notary public" means an individual commissioned by the director to perform a notarial act with respect to electronic records. Nothing in this act authorizes an electronic records

notary public to provide court reporting services.

- (6) "Electronic signature" means an electronic symbol, sound, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by an individual with the intent to sign the record.
- (7) "In a representative capacity"
  means acting as:
- (a) An authorized officer, agent, partner, trustee, or other representative for a person other than an individual;
- (b) A public officer, personal representative, guardian, or other representative, in the capacity stated in a record;
- (c) An agent or attorney-in-fact for a principal; or
- (d) An authorized representative of another in any other capacity.
- (8) "Notarial act" means an act, whether performed with respect to a tangible or electronic record, that a notarial officer may perform under the law of this state. The term includes taking an acknowledgment, administering an oath or affirmation, taking a verification on oath or affirmation, witnessing or attesting a signature, certifying or attesting a copy, certifying the occurrence of an event or the performance of an act, and noting a protest of a negotiable instrument if the protest was prepared under the authority of an attorney licensed to practice law in this state or another state, or was prepared under the authority of a financial institution that is regulated  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac$ by this state, another state, or the federal government.
- (9) "Notarial officer" means a notary public or other individual authorized to perform a notarial act.
- (10) "Notary public" means an individual commissioned to perform a notarial act by the director.
- (11) "Official stamp" means a physical image affixed to or embossed on a tangible record or an electronic image attached to or logically associated with an electronic record.
- (12) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, statutory trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association,

- joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (13) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in human perceivable form.
- (14) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:
- (a) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
- (b) To attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.
- (15) "Signature" means a tangible symbol or an electronic signature that evidences the signing of a record.
  - (16) "Stamping device" means:
- (a) A physical device capable of affixing to or embossing on a tangible record an official stamp; or
- (b) An electronic device or process capable of attaching to or logically associating with an electronic record an official stamp.
- (17) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
- (18) "Verification on oath or affirmation" means a declaration, made by an individual on oath or affirmation before a notarial officer, that a statement in a record is true.
- $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION.}}$  Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies to a notarial act performed on or after the effective date of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. AUTHORITY TO PERFORM NOTARIAL ACT. (1) A notarial officer may perform a notarial act authorized by this chapter or by law of this state other than this chapter.
- (2)(a) A notarial officer may not perform a notarial act with respect to a record to which the officer or the officer's spouse or domestic partner is

a party, or in which any of the above have a direct beneficial interest.

- (b) A notarial officer may not notarize the notarial officer's own signature.
- (c) A notarial act performed in violation of this subsection (2) is voidable.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN NOTARIAL ACTS. (1) A notarial officer who takes an acknowledgment of a record shall determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual appearing before the officer and making the acknowledgment has the identity claimed and that the signature on the record is the signature of the individual.
- (2) A notarial officer who takes a verification of a statement on oath or affirmation shall determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual appearing before the officer and making the verification has the identity claimed and that the signature on the statement verified is the signature of the individual.
- (3) A notarial officer who witnesses or attests to a signature shall determine, from personal knowledge or satisfactory evidence of the identity of the individual, that the individual appearing before the officer and signing the record has the identity claimed.
- (4) A notarial officer who certifies or attests a copy of a record or an item that was copied shall compare the copy with the original record or item and determine that the copy is a full, true, and accurate transcription or reproduction of the record or item.
- (5) A notarial officer may make or note a protest of a negotiable instrument only if the notarial officer is licensed to practice law in this state, acting under the authority of an attorney who is licensed to practice law in this or another state, or acting under the authority of a financial institution regulated by this state, another state, or the federal government. In making or noting a protest of a negotiable instrument the notarial officer or

licensed attorney shall determine the matters set forth in RCW 62A.3-505(b).

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 6. If a notarial act relates to a statement made in or a signature executed on a record, the individual making the statement or executing the signature shall appear personally before the notarial officer.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL. (1) A notarial officer has personal knowledge of the identity of an individual appearing before the officer if the individual is personally known to the officer through dealings sufficient to provide reasonable certainty that the individual has the identity claimed.
- (2) A notarial officer has satisfactory evidence of the identity of an individual appearing before the officer if the officer can identify the individual:
  - (a) By means of:
- (i) A passport, driver's license, or government-issued nondriver identification card, which is current or expired not more than three years before performance of the notarial act; or
- (ii) Another form of government identification issued to an individual, which is current or expired not more than three years before performance of the notarial act, contains the signature or a photograph of the individual, and is satisfactory to the officer; or
- (b) By a verification on oath or affirmation of a credible witness personally appearing before the officer and personally known to the officer and who provides satisfactory evidence of his or her identity as described in (a) of this subsection.
- (3) A notarial officer may require an individual to provide additional information or identification credentials necessary to assure the officer of the identity of the individual.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. AUTHORITY TO REFUSE TO PERFORM NOTARIAL ACT. (1) A notarial officer has the authority to refuse to perform a notarial act if the officer is not satisfied that:

- (a) The individual executing the record is competent or has the capacity to execute the record; or
- (b) The individual's signature is knowingly and voluntarily made.
- (2) A notarial officer has the authority to refuse to perform a notarial act unless refusal is prohibited by law other than this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. SIGNATURE IF INDIVIDUAL UNABLE TO SIGN. Except as otherwise provided in RCW 64.08.100, if an individual is physically unable to sign a record, the individual may direct an individual other than the notarial officer to sign the individual's name on the record. The notarial officer shall insert "signature affixed by (name of other individual) at the direction of (name of individual)" or words of similar import.

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 10. NOTARIAL ACT IN THIS STATE. (1) A notarial act may be performed in this state by:

- (a) A notary public of this state;
- (b) A judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court of this state; or
- (c) Any other individual authorized to perform the specific act by the law of this state.
- (2) The signature and title of an individual authorized by this act to perform a notarial act in this state are prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.
- (3) The signature and title of a notarial officer described in subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section conclusively establishes the authority of the officer to perform the notarial act.

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 11. NOTARIAL ACT IN ANOTHER STATE. (1) A notarial act performed in another state has the same effect under the law of this state as if performed by a notarial officer of this state, if the act performed in that state is performed by:

(a) A notary public of that state;

- (b) A judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court of that state; or
- (c) Any other individual authorized by the law of that state to perform the notarial act.
- (2) The signature and title of an individual performing a notarial act in another state are prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.
- (3) The signature and title of a notarial officer described in subsection (1)(a) through (c) of this section conclusively establishes the authority of the officer to perform the notarial act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. NOTARIAL ACT UNDER AUTHORITY OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE. (1) A notarial act performed under the authority and in the jurisdiction of a federally recognized Indian tribe has the same effect as if performed by a notarial officer of this state, if the act performed in the jurisdiction of the tribe is performed by:

- (a) A notary public of the tribe;
- (b) A judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court of the tribe; or
- (c) Any other individual authorized by the law of the tribe to perform the notarial act.
- (2) The signature and title of an individual performing a notarial act under the authority of and in the jurisdiction of a federally recognized Indian tribe are prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.
- (3) The signature and title of a notarial officer described in subsection (1)(a) through (c) of this section conclusively establishes the authority of the officer to perform the notarial act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. NOTARIAL ACT UNDER FEDERAL AUTHORITY. (1) A notarial act performed under federal law has the same effect under the law of this state as if performed by a notarial officer of this state, if the act performed under federal law is performed by:

- (a) A judge, clerk, or deputy clerk of a court;
- (b) An individual in military service or performing duties under the authority of military service who is authorized to perform notarial acts under federal law;
- (c) An individual designated a notarizing officer by the United States department of state for performing notarial acts overseas; or
- (d) Any other individual authorized by federal law to perform the notarial act.  $\,$
- (2) The signature and title of an individual acting under federal authority and performing a notarial act are prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine and that the individual holds the designated title.
- (3) The signature and title of an officer described in subsection (1) (a), (b), or (c) of this section conclusively establishes the authority of the officer to perform the notarial act.
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  "foreign state" means a government other than the United States, a state, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.
- (2) If a notarial act is performed under the authority and in the jurisdiction of a foreign state or constituent unit of the foreign state or is performed under the authority of a multinational or international governmental organization, the act has the same effect under the law of this state as if performed by a notarial officer of this state.
- (3) If the title of office and indication of authority to perform notarial acts in a foreign state appears in a digest of foreign law or in a list customarily used as a source for that information, the authority of an officer with that title to perform notarial acts is conclusively established.
- (4) The signature and official stamp of an individual holding an office described in subsection (3) of this section are prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine and the individual holds the designated title.
- (5) An apostille in the form prescribed by the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961, and issued by a foreign state party to the Hague Convention

- conclusively establishes that the signature of the notarial officer is genuine and that the officer holds the indicated office.
- (6) A consular authentication issued by an individual designated by the United States department of state as a notarizing officer for performing notarial acts overseas and attached to the record with respect to which the notarial act is performed conclusively establishes that the signature of the notarial officer is genuine and that the officer holds the indicated office.
- (a) Be executed contemporaneously with the performance of the notarial act;
- (b) Be signed and dated by the notarial officer and, if the notarial officer is a notary public, be signed in the same manner as on file with the department;
- (c) Identify the jurisdiction in which the notarial act is performed;
- (d) Contain the title of office of the notarial officer;
- (e) Be written in English or in dual languages, one of which must be English; and
- (f) If the notarial officer is a notary public, indicate the date of expiration, if any, of the officer's commission.
- (2) Regarding notarial act certificates on a tangible record:
- (a) If a notarial act regarding a tangible record is performed by a notary public, an official stamp must be affixed to or embossed on the certificate.
- (b) If a notarial act regarding a tangible record is performed by a notarial officer other than a notary public and the certificate contains the information specified in subsection (1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section, an official stamp may be affixed to or embossed on the certificate.
- (3) Regarding notarial act certificates on an electronic record:
- (a) If a notarial act regarding an electronic record is performed by an electronic records notary public, an official stamp must be attached to or

logically associated with the certificate.

- (b) If a notarial act regarding an electronic record is performed by a notarial officer other than a notary public and the certificate contains the information specified in subsection (1)(b), (c), and (d) of this section, an official stamp may be attached to or logically associated with the certificate.
- (4) A certificate of a notarial act is sufficient if it meets the requirements of subsections (1) through (3) of this section and:
- (a) Is in a short form set forth in section 16 of this act;
- (b) Is in a form otherwise permitted by the law of this state;
- (c) Is in a form permitted by the law applicable in the jurisdiction in which the notarial act was performed; or
- (d) Sets forth the actions of the notarial officer and the actions are sufficient to meet the requirements of the notarial act as provided in sections 5, 6, and 7 of this act or law of this state other than this chapter.
- (5) By executing a certificate of a notarial act, a notarial officer certifies that the officer has complied with the requirements and made the determinations specified in sections 5, 6, and 7 of this act.
- (6) A notarial officer may not affix the officer's signature to, or logically associate it with, a certificate until the notarial act has been performed.
- (7) If a notarial act is performed regarding a tangible record, a certificate must be part of, or securely attached to, the record. If a notarial act is performed regarding an electronic record, the certificate must be affixed to, or logically associated with, the electronic record. If the director has established standards pursuant to section 28 of this act for attaching, affixing, or logically associating the certificate, the process must conform to the standards.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. SHORT FORM CERTIFICATES. The following short form certificates of notarial acts are sufficient for the purposes indicated, if completed with the information required

by section 15 (1) through (4) of this act: (1) For an acknowledgment in an individual capacity: State of ..... County of ..... This record was acknowledged before me on (date) by (name(s) of individuals). (Signature notary public) (Stamp) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (Title of office) commission expires: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (date) For an acknowledgment in a representative capacity: State of ..... County of ..... This record was acknowledged before me on (date) by (name(s) of individuals) as (type of authority, such as officer or trustee) of (name of party on behalf of whom record was executed). (Signature of notary public) (Stamp) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (Title of office) My commission expires: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

(3) For verification on oath or affirmation:

(date)

State of .....

County of .....

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on  $\underline{(\text{date})}$  by  $\underline{(\text{name}\,(s))}$  of individuals making statement).

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(6) For certifying the occurrence of an event or the performance of any act:

State of .....

County of .....

I certify that the event described in this document has occurred or been performed.

Dated: 

> (Signature notary public)

(Stamp)

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(Title of office)

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(date)

 $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION.}}$  Sec. 17. OFFICIAL STAMP. (1) It is unlawful for any person intentionally to manufacture, give, sell, procure, or possess a seal or stamp evidencing the current appointment of a person as a notary public until the director has issued a notary commission. The official seal or stamp of a notary public must include:

- (a) The words "notary public;"
- (b) The words "state of Washington;"
- (c) The notary public's name as commissioned;
- (d) The notary public's commission expiration date; and
- (e) Any other information required by the director.
- (2) The size and form or forms of the seal or stamp shall be prescribed by the director in rule.
- (3) The seal or stamp must be capable of being copied together with the record to which it is affixed or attached or with which it is logically associated.
- (4) The seal or stamp used at the time that a notarial act is performed must be the seal or stamp evidencing the notary public's commission in effect as of such time, even if the notary public has

received the seal or stamp evidencing his or her next commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. STAMPING DEVICE. (1) A notary public is responsible for the security of the notary public's stamping device and may not allow another individual to use the device to perform a notarial act. On resignation from, or the revocation or expiration of, the notary public's commission, or on the expiration of the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{expiration}}$ date set forth in the stamping device, the notary public shall disable the stamping device by destroying, defacing, damaging, erasing, or securing it against use in a manner that renders it unusable. On the death or adjudication of incompetency of a notary public, the notary public's personal representative or guardian or any other person knowingly in possession of the stamping device shall render it unusable by destroying, defacing, damaging, erasing, or securing it against use in a manner that renders it unusable.

(2) The seal or stamp should be kept in a locked and secured area, under the direct and exclusive control of the notary public. If a notary public's stamping device is lost or stolen, the notary public or the notary public's personal representative or guardian shall notify promptly the department on discovering that the device is lost or stolen. Any replacement device must contain a variance from the lost or stolen seal or stamp.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. FEES. (1) The director may establish by rule the maximum fees that may be charged by notaries public for various notarial services.

(2) A notary public need not charge fees for notarial acts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. (1) A notary public shall maintain a journal in which the notary public chronicles all notarial acts that the notary public performs. The notary public shall retain the journal for ten years after the performance of the last notarial act chronicled in the journal. The journal is to be destroyed as required by the director in rule upon completion of the ten-year period.

- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter requiring a notary public to maintain a journal, a notary public who is an attorney licensed to practice law in this state is not required to chronicle a notarial act in a journal if documentation of the notarial act is otherwise maintained by professional practice.
- (3) A notary public shall maintain only one tangible journal at a time to chronicle notarial acts, whether those notarial acts are performed regarding tangible or electronic records. The journal must be a permanent, bound register with numbered pages. An electronic records notary public may also maintain an electronic format journal, which can be kept concurrently with the tangible journal. The electronic journal must be in a permanent, tamper-evident electronic format complying with the rules of the director.
- (4) An entry in a journal must be made contemporaneously with performance of the notarial act and contain the following information:
- (a) The date and time of the notarial  ${\tt act};$
- (b) A description of the record, if any, and type of notarial act;
- (c) The full name and address of each individual for whom the notarial act is performed; and
- (d) Any additional information as required by the director in rule.
- (5) The journal shall be kept in a locked and secured area, under the direct and exclusive control of the notary public. Failure to secure the journal may be cause for the director to take administrative action against the commission held by the notary public. If a notary public's journal is lost or stolen, the notary public promptly shall notify the department on discovering that the journal is lost or stolen.
- (6) On resignation from, or the revocation or suspension of, a notary public's commission, the notary public shall retain the notary public's journal in accordance with subsection (1) of this section and inform the department where the journal is located.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. NOTIFICATION REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF NOTARIAL ACT ON

- ELECTRONIC RECORD—SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGY. (1) A notary public may not perform notarial acts with respect to electronic records unless the notary public holds a commission as an electronic records notary public.
- (2) An electronic records notary public may select one or more tamper-evident technologies to perform notarial acts with respect to electronic records that meet the standards provided in subsection (4) of this section. A person cannot require an electronic records notary public to perform a notarial act with respect to an electronic record with a technology that the notary public has not selected.
- (3) Before an electronic records notary public performs the notary public's initial notarial act with respect to an electronic record, an electronic records notary public shall notify the department that he or she will be performing notarial acts with respect to electronic records and identify the technology the electronic records notary public intends to use.
- (4) The director shall establish standards for approval of technology in rule. If the technology conforms to the standards, the director shall approve the use of the technology.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC—QUALIFICATIONS—NO IMMUNITY OR BENEFIT. (1) An individual qualified under subsection (2) of this section may apply to the director for a commission as a notary public. The applicant shall comply with and provide the information required by rules established by the director and pay any application fee.
- (2) An applicant for a commission as a notary public must:
  - (a) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- (b) Be a citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States;
- (c) Be a resident of or have a place of employment or practice in this state;
  - (d) Be able to read and write English;
- (e) Not be disqualified to receive a commission under section 24 of this act; and
- (f) Have successfully completed a course or passed an examination required under section 23 of this act.

- (3) Before issuance of a commission as a notary public, an applicant for the commission shall execute an oath of office and submit it to the department in the format prescribed by the director in rule.
- (4) Before issuance of a commission as a notary public, the applicant for a commission shall submit to the director an assurance in the form of a surety bond in the amount established by the director in rule. The assurance must be issued by a surety or other entity licensed or authorized to write surety bonds in this state. The assurance must be effective for a four-year term or for a term that expires on the date the notary public's commission expires. The assurance must cover acts performed during the term of the notary public's commission and must be in the form prescribed by the director. If a notary public violates law with respect to notaries public in this state, the surety or issuing entity is liable under the assurance. The surety or issuing entity shall give at least thirty days notice to the department before canceling the assurance. The surety or issuing entity shall notify department not later than thirty days after making a payment to a claimant under the assurance. A notary public may perform notarial acts in this state only during the period that a valid assurance is on file with the department.
- (5) On compliance with this section, the director shall issue a commission as a notary public to an applicant for a term of four years or for a term that expires on the date of expiration of the assurance, whichever comes first.
- (6) A commission to act as a notary public authorizes the notary public to perform notarial acts. The commission does not provide the notary public any immunity or benefit conferred by law of this state on public officials or employees.
- (7) An individual qualified under (a) of this subsection may apply to the director for a commission as an electronic records notary public. The applicant shall comply with and provide the information required by rules established by the director and pay the relevant application fee.
- (a) An applicant for a commission as an electronic records notary public must hold a commission as notary public.

- (b) An electronic records notary public commission may take the form of an endorsement to the notary public commission if deemed appropriate by the director.
- NEW SECTION.
  NOTARY PUBLIC. The director may require an applicant for a commission or renewal of a commission as a notary public, including an applicant for a commission as an electronic records notary public, to successfully pass a course or an examination, as prescribed by the director in rule.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. GROUNDS TO DENY, REFUSE TO RENEW, REVOKE, SUSPEND, OR CONDITION COMMISSION OF NOTARY PUBLIC. (1) In addition to conduct defined as unprofessional under RCW 18.235.130, the director may take action as provided for in RCW 18.235.110 against a commission as notary public for any act or omission that demonstrates the individual lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to act as a notary public, including:
- (a) Failure to comply with this chapter;
- (b) A fraudulent, dishonest, or deceitful misstatement or omission in the application for a commission as a notary public submitted to the department;
- (c) A conviction of the applicant or notary public of any felony or crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit;
- (d) A finding against, or admission of liability by, the applicant or notary public in any legal proceeding or disciplinary action based on the applicant's or notary public's fraud, dishonesty, or deceit;
- (e) Failure by the notary public to discharge any duty required of a notary public, whether by this chapter, rules of the director, or any federal or state law;
- (f) Use of false or misleading advertising or representation by the notary public representing that the notary public has a duty, right, or privilege that the notary public does not have;
- (g) Violation by the notary public of a rule of the director regarding a notary public;
- (h) Denial, refusal to renew, revocation, suspension, or conditioning

- of a notary public commission in another state;
- (i) Failure of the notary public to maintain an assurance as provided in section 22(4) of this act; or
- (j) Making or noting a protest of a negotiable instrument without being a person authorized by section  $5\,(5)$  of this act.
- (2) If the director denies, refuses to renew, revokes, suspends, imposes conditions, or otherwise sanctions, a commission as a notary public, the applicant or notary public is entitled to timely notice and hearing in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.
- (3) The authority of the director to take disciplinary action on a commission as a notary public does not prevent a person from seeking and obtaining other criminal or civil remedies provided by law.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 25. DATABASE OF NOTARIES PUBLIC. The director shall maintain an electronic database of notaries public:
- (1) Through which a person may verify the authority of a notary public to perform notarial acts; and
- (2) Which indicates whether a notary public has notified the director that the notary public will be performing notarial acts on electronic records.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. PROHIBITED ACTS. (1) A commission as a notary public does not authorize an individual to:
- (a) Assist persons in drafting legal records, give legal advice, or otherwise practice law;
- (b) Act as an immigration consultant or an expert on immigration matters;
- (c) Represent a person in a judicial or administrative proceeding relating to immigration to the United States, United States citizenship, or related matters;
- (d) Receive compensation for performing any of the activities listed in this subsection; or
  - (e) Provide court reporting services.
- (2) A notary public may not engage in false or deceptive advertising.
- (3) A notary public, other than an attorney licensed to practice law in this

state, or a Washington-licensed limited license legal technician acting within the scope of his or her license, may not use the term "notario" or "notario publico."

- (4) A notary public, other than an attorney licensed to practice law in this state or a limited license legal technician acting within the scope of his or her license, may not assist another person in selecting the appropriate certificate required by section 15 of this act.
- (5) A notary public, other than an attorney licensed to practice law in this state, or a Washington-licensed limited license legal technician acting within the scope of his or her license, may not advertise or represent that the notary public may assist persons in drafting legal records, give legal advice, or otherwise practice law. If a notary public who is not an attorney licensed to practice law in this state, or a Washington-licensed limited license legal technician acting within the scope of his or her license, in any manner advertises or represents that the notary public offers notarial services, whether orally or in a record, including broadcast media, print media, and the internet, the notary public shall include the following statement, or an alternate statement authorized or required by the director, in the advertisement or representation, prominently and in each language used in the advertisement or representation: "I am not an attorney licensed to practice law in this state. I am not allowed to draft legal records, give advice on legal matters, including immigration, or charge a fee for those activities." If the form of advertisement or representation is not broadcast media, print media, or the internet and does not permit inclusion of the statement required by this subsection because of size, it must be displayed prominently or provided at the place of performance of the notarial act before the notarial act is performed.
- (6) Except as otherwise allowed by law, a notary public may not withhold access to or possession of an original record provided by a person that seeks performance of a notarial act by the notary public. A notary public may not maintain copies or electronic images of documents notarized unless the copies or images are maintained by an attorney or Washington-licensed limited license

legal technician acting within his or her scope of practice for the performance of legal services or for other services performed for the client and the copies or images are not maintained solely as part of the notary transaction.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. VALIDITY OF NOTARIAL ACTS. Except as otherwise provided in section 4(2) of this act, the failure of a notarial officer to perform a duty or meet a requirement specified in this chapter does not invalidate a notarial act performed by the notarial officer. The validity of a notarial act under this chapter does not prevent an aggrieved person from seeking invalidate the record or transaction that is the subject of the notarial act or from seeking other remedies based on law of this state other than this chapter or law of the United States. This section does not validate a purported notarial act performed by an individual who does not have the authority to perform notarial acts. Nothing in this act gives the director authority to invalidate a notarial act.

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 28. RULES. (1) The director may adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter.

(2) In adopting, amending, or repealing rules about notarial acts with respect to electronic records, the director shall consider standards, practices, and customs of other jurisdictions that substantially enact this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION IN EFFECT. A commission as a notary public in effect on the effective date of this section continues until its date of expiration. A notary public who applies to renew a commission as a notary public on or after the effective date of this section is subject to and shall comply with this chapter. A notary public, in performing notarial acts after the effective date of this section, shall comply with this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This chapter does not affect the validity or effect of a notarial act performed before the effective date of this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 31. UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION. In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with

respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. RELATION TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT. This chapter modifies, limits, and supersedes the electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7001 et seq., but does not modify, limit, or supersede section 101(c) of that act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7001(c), or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in section 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7003(b).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 33. UNIFORM REGULATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS ACT. The uniform regulation of business and professions act, chapter 18.235 RCW, governs unlicensed practice, the issuance and denial of licenses, and the discipline of licensees under this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 34. NEW CHAPTER. Sections 1 through 33 and 45 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 42 RCW.

 $\underline{\mbox{NEW SECTION.}}$   $\mbox{\bf Sec. 35.}$  REPEALS. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) RCW 42.44.010 (Definitions) and 1985 c 156 s 1;
- (2) RCW 42.44.020 (Qualifications—Application—Bond) and 1985 c 156 s 2;
- (3) RCW 42.44.030 (Appointment-Denial for unprofessional conduct-Certificate of appointment) and 2011 c 244 s 6, 2002 c 86 s 287, & 1985 c 156 s 3;
- (4) RCW 42.44.050 (Seal or stamp) and 1985 c 156 s 5;
- (5) RCW 42.44.060 (Term) and 2002 c 86 s 288 & 1985 c 156 s 6;
- (6) RCW 42.44.070 (Reappointment without endorsements) and 1985 c 156 s 7;
- (7)RCW 42.44.080 (Standards for notarial acts) and 1987 c 76 s 3 & 1985 c 156 s 8;
- (8) RCW 42.44.090 (Form of certificate—General—Seal or stamp as exclusive property) and 1985 c 156 s 9;
- (9) RCW 42.44.100 (Short forms of certificate) and 1988 c 69 s 4 & 1985 c 156 s 10;
- (10)RCW 42.44.110 (Illegible writing) and 1985 c 156 s 11;

- (11) RCW 42.44.120 (Fees) and 1985 c 156 s 12;
- (12) RCW 42.44.130 (Notarial acts by officials of other jurisdictions) and 1985 c 156 s 13;
- (13) RCW 42.44.140 (Notarial acts by federal authorities) and 1985 c 156 s 14;
- (14) RCW 42.44.150 (Notarial acts by foreign authorities) and 1985 c 156 s 15;
- (15) RCW 42.44.160 (Official misconduct—Penalty) and 2002 c 86 s 289 & 1985 c 156 s 16;
- (16) RCW 42.44.170 (Revocation of appointment—Resignation) and 2002 c 86 s 290 & 1985 c 156 s 17;
- (17) RCW 42.44.180 (Evidence of authenticity of notarial seal and signature) and 1985 c 156 s 18;
- (18) RCW 42.44.190 (Rules) and 2002 c 86 s 291 & 1985 c 156 s 20;
- (19)RCW 42.44.200 (Transfer of records) and 1985 c 156 s 22;
- (20)RCW 42.44.210 (Uniform regulation of business and professions act) and 2002 c 86 s 292;
- (21)RCW 42.44.220 (Military training or experience) and 2011 c 351 s 18;
- (22) RCW 42.44.221 (Spouses of military personnel—Appointment) and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 7;
- (23) RCW 42.44.900 (Savings-1985 c 156) and 1985 c 156 s 21;
- (24) RCW 42.44.901 (Construction) and 1985 c 156 s 23; and
- (25) RCW 42.44.903 (Effective date-1985 c 156) and 1985 c 156 s 27.
- **Sec. 36.** RCW 9.97.020 and 2016 c 81 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Except as provided in this section, no state, county, or municipal department, board, officer, or agency authorized to assess the qualifications of any applicant for a license, certificate of authority, qualification to engage in the practice of a profession or business, or for admission to an examination to qualify for such a license or certificate may disqualify a qualified applicant, solely based on the applicant's criminal history, if the qualified applicant has obtained a certificate of restoration of opportunity and the applicant meets all other statutory and regulatory

requirements, except as required by federal law or exempted under this subsection. Nothing in this section is interpreted as restoring or creating a means to restore any firearms rights or eligibility to obtain a firearm dealer license pursuant to RCW 9.41.110 or requiring the removal of a protection order.

- (a)(i) Criminal justice agencies, as defined in RCW 10.97.030, and the Washington state bar association are exempt from this section.
- (ii) This section does not apply to licensing, certification, or qualification of the following Accountants, RCW professionals: 18.04.295; assisted living facilities employees, RCW 18.20.125; bail bond agents, RCW 18.185.020; escrow agents, RCW 18.44.241; long-term care workers, 18.88B.080; nursing home administrators, RCW 18.52.071; nursing, chapter 18.79 RCW; physicians and physician assistants, chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW; private investigators, RCW 18.165.030; receivers, RCW 7.60.035; teachers, chapters 28A.405 and 28A.410 RCW; notaries public, chapter ((42.44)RCW)) 42.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 34 of this act); private investigators, chapter 18.165 RCW; real estate brokers and salespersons, chapters 18.85 and 18.86 RCW; security quards, chapter 18.170 RCW; and vulnerable adult care providers, RCW 43.43.842.
- (iii) To the extent this section conflicts with the requirements for receipt of federal funding under the adoption and safe families act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 671, this section does not apply.
- (b) Unless otherwise addressed in statute, in cases where an applicant would be disqualified under RCW 43.20A.710, and the applicant has obtained a certificate of restoration of opportunity, the department of social and health services may, after review of relevant factors, including the nature and seriousness of the offense, time that has passed since conviction, changed circumstances since the offense occurred, and the nature of the employment or license sought, at its discretion:
- (i) Allow the applicant to have unsupervised access to children, vulnerable adults, or individuals with mental illness or developmental

- disabilities if the applicant is otherwise qualified and suitable; or
- (ii) Disqualify the applicant solely based on the applicant's criminal history.
- (c) If the practice of a profession or business involves unsupervised contact with vulnerable adults, children, or individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities, or populations otherwise defined by statute as vulnerable, the department of health may, after review of relevant factors, including the nature and seriousness of the offense, time that has passed since conviction, changed circumstances since the offense occurred, and the nature of the employment or license sought, at its discretion:
- (i) Disqualify an applicant who has obtained a certificate of restoration of opportunity, for a license, certification, or registration to engage in the practice of a health care profession or business solely based on the applicant's criminal history; or
- (ii) If such applicant is otherwise qualified and suitable, credential or credential with conditions an applicant who has obtained a certificate of restoration of opportunity for a license, certification, or registration to engage in the practice of a health care profession or business.
- (d) The state of Washington, any of its counties, cities, towns, municipal corporations, or quasi-municipal corporations, the department of health, and its officers, employees, contractors, and agents are immune from suit in law, equity, or any action under the administrative procedure act based upon its exercise of discretion under this section. This section does not create a protected class; private right of action; any right, privilege, or duty; or change to any right, privilege, or duty existing under law. This section does not modify a licensing or certification applicant's right to a review of an agency's decision under the administrative procedure act or other applicable statute or agency rule. A certificate of restoration of opportunity does not remove or alter citizenship or legal residency requirements already in place for state agencies and employers.

- (2) A qualified court has jurisdiction to issue a certificate of restoration of opportunity to a qualified applicant.
- (a) A court must determine, in its discretion whether the certificate:
- (i) Applies to all past criminal history; or
- (ii) Applies only to the convictions or adjudications in the jurisdiction of the court.
- (b) The certificate does not apply to any future criminal justice involvement that occurs after the certificate is issued.
- (c) A court must determine whether to issue a certificate by determining whether the applicant is a qualified applicant as defined in RCW 9.97.010.
- (3) An employer or housing provider may, in its sole discretion, determine whether to consider a certificate of restoration of opportunity issued under this chapter in making employment or rental decisions. An employer or housing provider is immune from suit in law, equity, or under the administrative procedure act for damages based upon its exercise of discretion under this section or the refusal to exercise such discretion. In any action at law against an employer or housing provider arising out of the employment of or provision of housing to the recipient of a certificate of restoration of opportunity, evidence of the crime for which a certificate of restoration of opportunity has been issued may not be introduced as evidence of negligence or intentionally tortious conduct on the part of the  $\operatorname{employer}$  or housing provider. This subsection does not create a protected class, private right of action, any right, privilege, or duty, or to change any right, privilege, or duty existing under law related to employment or housing except as provided in RCW 7.60.035.
- (4) (a) Department of social and health services: A certificate of restoration of opportunity does not apply to the state abuse and neglect registry. No finding of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property may be removed from the registry based solely on a certificate. The department must include such certificates as part of its criminal history record reports, qualifying letters, or other assessments pursuant to RCW 43.43.830 through

- 43.43.838. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.
- (b) Washington state patrol: The Washington state patrol is not required to remove any records based solely on a certificate of restoration of opportunity. The state patrol must include a certificate as part of its criminal history record report.

# (c) Court records:

- (i) A certificate of restoration of opportunity has no effect on any other court records, including records in the judicial information system. The court records related to a certificate of restoration of opportunity must be processed and recorded in the same manner as any other record.
- (ii) The qualified court where the applicant seeks the certificate of restoration of opportunity must administer the court records regarding the certificate in the same manner as it does regarding all other proceedings.
- (d) Effect in other judicial proceedings: A certificate of restoration of opportunity may only be submitted to a court to demonstrate that the individual met the specific requirements of this section and not for any other procedure, including evidence of character, reputation, or conduct. A certificate is not an equivalent procedure under Rule of Evidence 609(c).
- (e) Department of health: The
  department of health must include a
  certificate of restoration of
  opportunity on its public web site if:
- (i) Its web site includes an order, stipulation to informal disposition, or notice of decision related to the conviction identified in the certificate of restoration of opportunity; and
- (ii) The credential holder has provided a certified copy of the certificate of restoration of opportunity to the department of health.
- (5) In all cases, an applicant must provide notice to the prosecutor in the county where he or she seeks a certificate of restoration of opportunity of the pendency of such application. If the applicant has been sentenced by any other jurisdiction in the five years preceding the application for a certificate, the applicant must also notify the prosecuting attorney in those jurisdictions. The prosecutor in

the county where an applicant applies for a certificate shall provide the court with a report of the applicant's criminal history.

- (6) Application for a certificate of restoration of opportunity must be filed as a civil action.
- (7) A superior court in the county in which the applicant resides may decline to consider the application for certificate of restoration of opportunity. If the superior court in which the applicant resides declines to consider the application, the court must dismiss the application without prejudice and the applicant may refile the application in another qualified court. The court must state the reason for the dismissal on the order. If the court determines that the applicant does not meet the required qualifications, then the court must dismiss the application without prejudice and state the reason(s) on the order. The superior court in the county of the applicant's conviction or adjudication may not decline to consider the application.
- (8) Unless the qualified court determines that a hearing on an application for certificate of restoration is necessary, the court must decide without a hearing whether to grant the certificate of restoration of opportunity based on a review of the application filed by the applicant and pleadings filed by the prosecuting attorney.
- (9) The clerk of the court in which the certificate of restoration of opportunity is granted shall transmit the certificate of restoration of opportunity to the Washington state patrol identification section, which holds criminal history information for the person who is the subject of the conviction. The Washington state patrol shall update its records to reflect the certificate of restoration of opportunity.
- (10) (a) The administrative office of the courts shall develop and prepare instructions, forms, and an informational brochure designed to assist applicants applying for a certificate of restoration of opportunity.
- (b) The instructions must include, at least, a sample of a standard application and a form order for a certificate of restoration of opportunity.

- (c) The administrative office of the courts shall distribute a master copy of the instructions, informational brochure, and sample application and form order to all county clerks and a master copy of the application and order to all superior courts by January 1, 2017.
- (d) The administrative office of the courts shall determine the significant non-English-speaking or limited English-speaking populations in the state. The administrator shall then arrange for translation of the instructions, which shall contain a sample of the standard application and order, and the informational brochure into languages spoken by those significant non-English-speaking populations and shall distribute a master copy of the translated instructions and informational brochures to the county clerks by January 1, 2017.
- (e) The administrative office of the courts shall update the instructions, brochures, standard application and order, and translations when changes in the law make an update necessary.
- **Sec. 37.** RCW 18.235.010 and 2007 c 256 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Board" means those boards specified in RCW 18.235.020(2)(b).
- (2) "Department" means the department of licensing.
- (3) "Director" means the director of the department or director's designee.
- (4) "Disciplinary action" means sanctions identified in RCW 18.235.110.
- (5) "Disciplinary authority" means the director, board, or commission having the authority to take disciplinary action against a holder of, or applicant for, a professional or business license upon a finding of a violation of this chapter or a chapter specified under RCW 18.235.020.
- (6) "License," "licensing," and "licensure" are deemed equivalent to the terms "license," "licensing," "licensure," "certificate," "certification," and "registration" as those terms are defined in RCW 18.118.020. Each of these terms, and the term (("appointment")) "commission" under chapter ((42.44 RCW)) 42.-- RCW

(the new chapter created in section 34 of this act), are interchangeable under the provisions of this chapter.

- (7) "Unlicensed practice" means:
- (a) Practicing a profession or operating a business identified in RCW 18.235.020 without holding a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, and unsuspended license to do so; or
- (b) Representing to a person, through offerings, advertisements, or use of a professional title or designation, that the individual or business is qualified to practice a profession or operate a business identified in RCW 18.235.020 without holding a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, and unsuspended license to do so.
- **Sec. 38.** RCW 18.235.020 and 2013 c 322 s 29 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) This chapter applies only to the director and the boards and commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the businesses and professions licensed under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter does not apply to any business or profession not licensed under the chapters specified in this section.
- (2)(a) The director has authority under this chapter in relation to the following businesses and professions:
- (i) Auctioneers under chapter 18.11 RCW;
- (ii) Bail bond agents and bail bond recovery agents under chapter 18.185 RCW;
- (iii) Camping resorts' operators and salespersons under chapter 19.105 RCW;
- (iv) Commercial telephone solicitors under chapter 19.158 RCW;
- (v) Cosmetologists, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians under chapter 18.16 RCW;
- (vi) Court reporters under chapter
  18.145 RCW;
- (vii) Driver training schools and instructors under chapter 46.82 RCW;
- (viii) Employment agencies under chapter 19.31 RCW;
- (ix) For hire vehicle operators under chapter  $46.72 \ \text{RCW};$
- (x) Limousines under chapter 46.72A RCW;

- (xi) Notaries public under chapter ((42.44 RCW)) 42.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 34 of this act);
- (xii) Private investigators under chapter 18.165 RCW;
- (xiii) Professional boxing, martial
  arts, and wrestling under chapter 67.08
  RCW:
- (xiv) Real estate appraisers under chapter 18.140 RCW;
- (xv) Real estate brokers and salespersons under chapters 18.85 and 18.86 RCW;
- (xvi) Scrap metal processors, scrap
  metal recyclers, and scrap metal
  suppliers under chapter 19.290 RCW;
- (xvii) Security guards under chapter
  18.170 RCW;
- (xviii) Sellers of travel under chapter 19.138 RCW;
- (xix) Timeshares and timeshare
  salespersons under chapter 64.36 RCW;
- (xx) Whitewater river outfitters under chapter 79A.60 RCW;
- (xxi) Home inspectors under chapter
  18.280 RCW;
- (xxii) Body artists, body piercers, and tattoo artists, and body art, body piercing, and tattooing shops and businesses, under chapter 18.300 RCW; and
- (xxiii) Appraisal management companies under chapter 18.310 RCW.
- (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this chapter are as follows:
- (i) The state board for architects established in chapter 18.08 RCW;
- (ii) The Washington state collection
  agency board established in chapter 19.16
  RCW;
- (iii) The state board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors established in chapter 18.43 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.43 and 18.210 RCW;
- (iv) The funeral and cemetery board established in chapter 18.39 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.39 and 68.05 RCW;
- (v) The state board of licensure for landscape architects established in chapter 18.96 RCW; and

- (vi) The state geologist licensing board established in chapter 18.220 RCW.
- (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders, the disciplinary authority may grant or deny licenses based on the conditions and criteria established in this chapter and the chapters specified in subsection (2) of this section. This chapter also governs any investigation, hearing, or proceeding relating to denial of licensure or issuance of a license conditioned on the applicant's compliance with an order entered under RCW 18.235.110 by the disciplinary authority.
- Sec. 39. RCW 19.34.340 and 1997 c 27 s 21 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Unless otherwise provided by law or contract, if so provided in the certificate issued by a licensed certification authority, a digital signature verified by reference to the public key listed in a valid certificate issued by a licensed certification authority satisfies the requirements for an acknowledgment under ((RCW 42.44.010(4))) section 2(1) of this act and for acknowledgment of deeds and other real property conveyances under RCW 64.04.020 if words of an express acknowledgment appear with the digital signature regardless of whether the signer personally appeared before either the certification authority or some other person authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds, mortgages, or other conveyance instruments under RCW 64.08.010 when the digital signature was created, if that digital signature is:
- (a) Verifiable by that certificate; and
- (b) Affixed when that certificate was valid.
- (2) If the digital signature is used as an acknowledgment, then the certification authority is responsible to the same extent as a notary up to the recommended reliance limit for failure to satisfy the requirements for an acknowledgment. The certification authority may not disclaim or limit, other than as provided in RCW 19.34.280, the effect of this section.
- **Sec. 40.** RCW 19.154.060 and 2011 c 244 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Persons, other than those licensed to practice law in this state or otherwise permitted to practice law or represent others under federal law in an immigration matter, are prohibited from engaging in the practice of law in an immigration matter for compensation.
- (2) Persons, other than those licensed to practice law in this state or otherwise permitted to practice law or represent others under federal law in an immigration matter, are prohibited from engaging in the following acts or practices, for compensation:
- (a) Advising or assisting another person in determining the person's legal or illegal status for the purpose of an immigration matter;
- (b) Selecting or assisting another in selecting, or advising another as to his or her answers on, a government agency form or document in an immigration matter;
- (c) Selecting or assisting another in selecting, or advising another in selecting, a benefit, visa, or program to apply for in an immigration matter;
- (d) Soliciting to prepare documents for, or otherwise representing the interests of, another in a judicial or administrative proceeding in an immigration matter;
- (e) Explaining, advising, or otherwise interpreting the meaning or intent of a question on a government agency form in an immigration matter;
- (f) Charging a fee for referring another to a person licensed to practice law;
- (g) Selecting, drafting, or completing legal documents affecting the legal rights of another in an immigration matter.
- (3) Persons, other than those holding an active license to practice law issued by the Washington state bar association or otherwise permitted to practice law or represent others under federal law in an immigration matter, are prohibited from engaging in the following acts or practices, regardless of whether compensation is sought:
- (a) Representing, either orally or in any document, letterhead, advertisement, stationery, business card, web site, or other comparable written material, that he or she is a notario publico, notario,

immigration assistant, immigration consultant, immigration specialist, or using any other designation or title, in any language, that conveys or implies that he or she possesses professional legal skills in the area of immigration law;

- (b) Representing, in any language, either orally or in any document, letterhead, advertisement, stationery, business card, web site, or other comparable written material, that he or she can or is willing to provide services in an immigration matter, if such services would constitute the practice of law.
- (4) (a) The prohibitions of subsections (1) through (3) of this section shall not apply to the activities of nonlawyer assistants acting under the supervision of a person holding an active license to practice law issued by the Washington state bar association or otherwise permitted to practice law or represent others under federal law in an immigration matter.
- (b) This section does not prohibit a person from offering translation services, regardless of whether compensation is sought. Translating words contained on a government form from English to another language and translating a person's words from another language to English does not constitute the unauthorized practice of law.
- (5) In addition to complying with the prohibitions of subsections (1) through (3) of this section, persons licensed as a notary public under chapter ((42.44)RCW)) 42.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 34 of this act) who do not hold an active license to practice law issued by the Washington state bar association shall not use the term notario publico, notario, immigration immigration consultant, assistant, immigration specialist, or any other designation or title, in any language, that conveys or implies that he or she possesses professional legal skills in the areas of immigration law, when advertising notary public services in the conduct of their business. A violation of any provision of this chapter by a person licensed as a notary public under chapter ((42.44 RCW)) 42.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 34 of this act) shall constitute unprofessional conduct under the uniform regulation of business and professions act, chapter 18.235 RCW.

- **Sec. 41.** RCW 43.24.150 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 978 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The business and professions account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from business or professional licenses, registrations, certifications, renewals, examinations, or civil penalties assessed and collected by the department from the following chapters must be deposited into the account:
  - (a) Chapter 18.11 RCW, auctioneers;
- (b) Chapter 18.16 RCW, cosmetologists, barbers, and manicurists;
- (c) Chapter 18.145 RCW, court reporters;
- (d) Chapter 18.165 RCW, private
  investigators;
- (e) Chapter 18.170 RCW, security
  quards;
- (f) Chapter 18.185 RCW, bail bond agents;
- (g) Chapter 18.280 RCW, home inspectors;
- (h) Chapter 19.16 RCW, collection agencies;
- (i) Chapter 19.31 RCW, employment agencies;
- (j) Chapter 19.105 RCW, camping
  resorts;
- (k) Chapter 19.138 RCW, sellers of travel;
- (1) Chapter ((42.44 RCW)) 42.-- RCW (the new chapter created in section 34 of this act), notaries public;
  - (m) Chapter 64.36 RCW, timeshares;
- (n) Chapter 67.08 RCW, boxing, martial arts, and wrestling;
- (o) Chapter 18.300 RCW, body art, body piercing, and tattooing;
- (p) Chapter 79A.60 RCW, whitewater river outfitters;
- (q) Chapter 19.158 RCW, commercial telephone solicitation; and
- (r) Chapter 19.290 RCW, scrap metal businesses.

Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for expenses incurred in carrying out these business

and professions licensing activities of the department. Any residue in the account must be accumulated and may not revert to the general fund at the end of the biennium. However, during the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium the legislature may transfer to the state general fund such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance in the account.

(2) The director must biennially prepare a budget request based on the anticipated costs of administering the business and professions licensing activities listed in subsection (1) of this section, which must include the estimated income from these business and professions fees.

Sec. 42. RCW 64.08.060 and 2016 c 202 s 40 are each amended to read as follows:

A certificate of acknowledgment for an individual, substantially in the following form or, after December 31, 1985, substantially in the form set forth in (( $\frac{RCW}{42.44.100(1)}$ )) section 16(1) of this act, shall be sufficient for the purposes of this chapter and for any acknowledgment required to be taken in accordance with this chapter:

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On this day personally appeared before me (here insert the name of grantor or grantors) to me known to be the individual, or individuals described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he (she or they) signed the same as his (her or their) free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Given under my hand and official seal this . . . day of . . . . . . (year) . . . . (Signature of officer and official seal)

If acknowledgment is taken before a notary public of this state the signature shall be followed by substantially the following: Notary Public in and for the state of Washington, residing at . . . . . . . (giving place of residence).

Sec. 43. RCW 64.08.070 and 2016 c 202 s 41 are each amended to read as follows:

A certificate of acknowledgment for a corporation, substantially in the following form or, after December 31, 1985, substantially in the form set forth in (( $\frac{RCW}{42.44.100(2)}$ )) section 16(2) of this act, shall be sufficient for the purposes of this chapter and for any acknowledgment required to be taken in accordance with this chapter:

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On this . . . day of . . . . . . , (year) . . ., before me personally appeared . . . . ., to me known to be the (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or other authorized officer or agent, as the case may be) of the corporation that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he or she was authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of corporation.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written. (Signature and title of officer with place of residence of notary public.)

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m NEW}$  SECTION. Sec. 44. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 45. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act takes effect July 1, 2018."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 15, 2017

SB 5227 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Requiring drivers to stop for approaching other on-

track equipment at railroad grade crossings. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Irwin; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Pike; Riccelli; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh; Tarleton and Van Werven.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SB 5270

Prime Sponsor, Senator Hawkins:
Concerning expiration dates affecting the
department of natural resources' contract
harvesting program. Reported by
Committee on Agriculture & Natural
Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Blake, Chair; Chapman, Vice Chair; Buys, Ranking Minority Member; Dent, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Fitzgibbon; Kretz; Lytton; Orcutt; Pettigrew; Robinson; Schmick; Springer; Stanford and Walsh, J.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

SB 5306

Prime Sponsor, Senator Rolfes:
Concerning secondary commercial fish
receivers. Reported by Committee on
Agriculture & Natural Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Blake, Chair; Chapman, Vice Chair; Buys, Ranking Minority Member; Dent, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Fitzgibbon; Kretz; Lytton; Orcutt; Pettigrew; Robinson; Schmick; Springer; Stanford and Walsh, J..

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 15, 2017

ESSB 5338 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Concerning registration enforcement for off-road vehicles and snowmobiles. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that many residents of Washington enjoy recreational opportunities for

off-road vehicle and snowmobile afforded by the natural beauty of the state and do so in compliance with vehicle titling and registration laws and other laws that govern off-road vehicle and snowmobile use. At the same time, the legislature recognizes that the current law and corresponding enforcement regime may not be robust enough to ensure full compliance with legal registration requirements and a level playing field for all users. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to modify statutory framework governing penalties for off-road vehicle and snowmobile registration violations and to requirements to the department licensing in order to registration compliance.

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.09 RCW under the subchapter heading "uses and violations" to read as follows:

- (1) It is a gross misdemeanor, punishable as provided under chapter 9A.20 RCW, for a resident, as identified in RCW 46.16A.140, to knowingly fail to apply for a Washington state certificate of title for, or to knowingly fail to register, an off-road vehicle within fifteen days of receiving or refusing a notice issued by the department under section 4 of this act.
- (2) Excise taxes owed and fines assessed must be deposited in the manner provided under RCW 46.16A.030(6).

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 46.10 RCW under the subchapter heading "uses and violations" to read as follows:

- (1) It is a gross misdemeanor, punishable as provided under chapter 9A.20 RCW, for a resident, as identified in RCW 46.16A.140, to knowingly fail to register a snowmobile within fifteen days of receiving or refusing a notice issued by the department under section 4 of this act.
- (2) Excise taxes owed and fines assessed must be deposited in the manner provided under RCW 46.16A.030(6).

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 46.93 RCW to read as follows:

(1) By the first business day in February of each year, beginning in 2018, motorsports vehicle manufacturers must report to the department of licensing a

listing of all motorsports vehicle warranties for off-road vehicles under chapter 46.09 RCW and snowmobiles under chapter 46.10 RCW sold to Washington residents by out-of-state motorsports vehicle dealers in the previous calendar year. The report must be transmitted such that the department receives the listing no later than the first business day in February. Failure to report a complete listing as required under this subsection results in an administrative fine of one hundred dollars for each day after the first business day in February that the department has not received the report.

- (2) The department of licensing shall listing reported examine the subsection (1) of this section to verify whether the vehicles are properly registered in the state. Beginning in 2018, and to the extent that it has received the listing required under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall notify by certified mail from the United States postal service, with return receipt requested, by the end of February of each year, the purchasers of the warranties of the off-road vehicles and snowmobiles that are not properly registered in the state of the owner's obligations under state law regarding vehicle titling, registration, and use tax payment, as well as of the penalties for failure to comply with the law.
- (3) Fines received under this section must be paid into the state treasury and credited to the nonhighway and off-road vehicle activities program account under RCW 46.09.510 and to the snowmobile account under RCW 46.68.350. The state treasurer must apportion the fines between the accounts according to the pro rata share of the number of off-road vehicle and snowmobile registrations in the previous calendar year. The department must provide the state treasurer with the information needed to determine the apportionment.

 $\underline{\text{NEW}}$  SECTION. Sec. 5. Section 4 of this act applies to the sales of off-road vehicles and snowmobiles beginning in January 2017.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act takes effect August 1, 2017."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Irwin; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Pike; Riccelli; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh; Tarleton and Van Werven.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SSB 5366

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Concerning the authorization of and deposit of moneys from department of transportation advertising activities. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Irwin; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Pike; Riccelli; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh; Tarleton and Van Werven.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 16, 2017

March 15, 2017

ESSB 5552

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Concerning firearms sales and transfers. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 9.41.010 and 2015 c  $1\ s$  2 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Antique firearm" means a firearm or replica of a firearm not designed or redesigned for using rim fire conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898, including any matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar type of ignition system and also any firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.

- (2) "Barrel length" means the distance from the bolt face of a closed action down the length of the axis of the bore to the crown of the muzzle, or in the case of a barrel with attachments to the end of any legal device permanently attached to the end of the muzzle.
  - (3) "Crime of violence" means:
- (a) Any of the following felonies, as now existing or hereafter amended: Any felony defined under any law as a class A felony or an attempt to commit a class A felony, criminal solicitation of or criminal conspiracy to commit a class A felony, manslaughter in the first degree, manslaughter in the second degree, indecent liberties if committed by forcible compulsion, kidnapping in the second degree, arson in the second degree, assault in the second degree, assault of a child in the second degree, extortion in the first degree, burglary in the second degree, residential burglary, and robbery in the second degree;
- (b) Any conviction for a felony offense in effect at any time prior to June 6, 1996, which is comparable to a felony classified as a crime of violence in (a) of this subsection; and
- (c) Any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense comparable to a felony classified as a crime of violence under (a) or (b) of this subsection.
- (4) "Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of selling firearms at wholesale or retail who has, or is required to have, a federal firearms license under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(a). A person who does not have, and is not required to have, a federal firearms license under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(a), is not a dealer if that person makes only occasional sales, exchanges, or purchases of firearms for the enhancement of a personal collection or for a hobby, or sells all or part of his or her personal collection of firearms.
- (5) "Family or household member" means "family" or "household member" as used in RCW 10.99.020.
- (6) "Felony" means any felony offense under the laws of this state or any federal or out-of-state offense comparable to a felony offense under the laws of this state.

- (7) "Felony firearm offender" means a person who has previously been convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity in this state of any felony firearm offense. A person is not a felony firearm offender under this chapter if any and all qualifying offenses have been the subject of an expungement, pardon, annulment, certificate, or rehabilitation, or other equivalent procedure based on a finding of the rehabilitation of the person convicted or a pardon, annulment, or other equivalent procedure based on a finding of innocence.
  - (8) "Felony firearm offense" means:
- (a) Any felony offense that is a violation of this chapter;
  - (b) A violation of RCW 9A.36.045;
  - (c) A violation of RCW 9A.56.300;
  - (d) A violation of RCW 9A.56.310;
- (e) Any felony offense if the offender was armed with a firearm in the commission of the offense.
- (9) "Firearm" means a weapon or device from which a projectile or projectiles may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder. "Firearm" does not include a flare gun or other pyrotechnic visual distress signaling device, or a powder-actuated tool or other device designed solely to be used for construction purposes.
- (10) "Gun" has the same meaning as firearm.
- (11) "Law enforcement officer" includes a general authority Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020, or a specially commissioned Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020. "Law enforcement officer" also includes a limited authority Washington peace officer as defined in RCW 10.93.020 if such officer is duly authorized by his or her employer to carry a concealed pistol.
- (12) "Lawful permanent resident" has the same meaning afforded a person "lawfully admitted for permanent residence" in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101(a)(20).
- (13) "Licensed dealer" means a person who is federally licensed under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(a).
  - (14) "Loaded" means:

- (a) There is a cartridge in the chamber of the firearm;
- (b) Cartridges are in a clip that is locked in place in the firearm;
- (c) There is a cartridge in the cylinder of the firearm, if the firearm is a revolver;
- (d) There is a cartridge in the tube or magazine that is inserted in the action; or
- (e) There is a ball in the barrel and the firearm is capped or primed if the firearm is a muzzle loader.
- (15) "Machine gun" means any firearm known as a machine gun, mechanical rifle, submachine gun, or any other mechanism or instrument not requiring that the trigger be pressed for each shot and having a reservoir clip, disc, drum, belt, or other separable mechanical device for storing, carrying, or supplying ammunition which can be loaded into the firearm, mechanism, or instrument, and fired therefrom at the rate of five or more shots per second.
- (16) "Nonimmigrant alien" means a person defined as such in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101(a)(15).
- (17) "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, club, organization, society, joint stock company, or other legal entity.
- (18) "Pistol" means any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen inches in length, or is designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand.
- (19) "Rifle" means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.
- (20) "Sale" and "sell" mean the actual approval of the delivery of a firearm in consideration of payment or promise of payment.
- (21) "Serious offense" means any of the following felonies or a felony attempt to commit any of the following felonies, as now existing or hereafter amended:
  - (a) Any crime of violence;

- (b) Any felony violation of the uniform controlled substances act, chapter 69.50 RCW, that is classified as a class B felony or that has a maximum term of imprisonment of at least ten years;
- (c) Child molestation in the second degree;
- (d) Incest when committed against a child under age fourteen;
  - (e) Indecent liberties;
  - (f) Leading organized crime;
- (g) Promoting prostitution in the first degree;
  - (h) Rape in the third degree;
  - (i) Drive-by shooting;
  - (j) Sexual exploitation;
- (k) Vehicular assault, when caused by the operation or driving of a vehicle by a person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or by the operation or driving of a vehicle in a reckless manner;
- (1) Vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by the driving of any vehicle by any person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug as defined by RCW 46.61.502, or by the operation of any vehicle in a reckless manner;
- (m) Any other class B felony offense with a finding of sexual motivation, as "sexual motivation" is defined under RCW 9.94A.030;
- (n) Any other felony with a deadly weapon verdict under RCW 9.94A.825;
- (o) Any felony offense in effect at any time prior to June 6, 1996, that is comparable to a serious offense, or any federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that under the laws of this state would be a felony classified as a serious offense; or
- (p) Any felony conviction under RCW 9.41.115.
- (22) "Short-barreled rifle" means a rifle having one or more barrels less than sixteen inches in length and any weapon made from a rifle by any means of modification if such modified weapon has an overall length of less than twenty-six inches.
- (23) "Short-barreled shotgun" means a shotgun having one or more barrels less

than eighteen inches in length and any weapon made from a shotgun by any means of modification if such modified weapon has an overall length of less than twenty-six inches.

- (24) "Shotgun" means a weapon with one or more barrels, designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.
- (25) "Transfer" means the intended delivery of a firearm to another person without consideration of payment or promise of payment including, but not limited to, gifts and loans. "Transfer" does not include the delivery of a firearm owned or leased by an entity licensed or qualified to do business in the state of Washington to, or return of such a firearm by, any of that entity's employees or agents, defined to include volunteers participating in an honor guard, for lawful purposes in the ordinary course of business.
- (26) "Unlicensed person" means any person who is not a licensed dealer under this chapter.
- (27) "Curio or relic" has the same meaning as provided in 27 C.F.R. Sec. 478.11.
- (28) "Licensed collector" means a person who is federally licensed under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 923(b).
- **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.41.113 and 2015 c 1 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) All firearm sales or transfers, in whole or part in this state including without limitation a sale or transfer where either the purchaser or seller or transferee or transferor is in Washington, shall be subject to background checks unless specifically exempted by state or federal law. The background check requirement applies to all sales or transfers including, but not limited to, sales and transfers through a licensed dealer, at gun shows, online, and between unlicensed persons.
- (2) No person shall sell or transfer a firearm unless:
  - (a) The person is a licensed dealer;

- (b) The purchaser or transferee is a licensed dealer; or
- (c) The requirements of subsection (3) of this section are met.
- (3) Where neither party to a prospective firearms transaction is a licensed dealer, the parties to the transaction shall complete the sale or transfer through a licensed dealer as follows:
- (a) The seller or transferor shall deliver the firearm to a licensed dealer to process the sale or transfer as if it is selling or transferring the firearm from its inventory to the purchaser or transferee, except that the unlicensed seller or transferor may remove the firearm from the business premises of the licensed dealer while the background check is being conducted. If the seller or transferor removes the firearm from the business premises of the licensed dealer while the background check is being conducted, the purchaser or transferee and the seller or transferor shall return to the business premises of the licensed dealer and the seller or transferor shall again deliver the firearm to the licensed dealer prior to completing the sale or transfer.
- (b) Except as provided in (a) of this subsection, the licensed dealer shall comply with all requirements of federal and state law that would apply if the licensed dealer were selling or transferring the firearm from its inventory to the purchaser or transferee, including but not limited to conducting a background check on the prospective purchaser or transferee in accordance with federal and state law requirements and fulfilling all federal and state recordkeeping requirements.
- (c) The purchaser or transferee must complete, sign, and submit all federal, state, and local forms necessary to process the required background check to the licensed dealer conducting the background check.
- (d) If the results of the background check indicate that the purchaser or transferee is ineligible to possess a firearm, then the licensed dealer shall return the firearm to the seller or transferor.
- (e) The licensed dealer may charge a fee that reflects the fair market value of the administrative costs and efforts incurred by the licensed dealer for

facilitating the sale or transfer of the firearm.

- (4) This section does not apply to:
- (a) A transfer between immediate family members, which for this subsection shall be limited to spouses, domestic partners, parents, parents-in-law, children, siblings, siblings-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, first cousins, aunts, and uncles, that is a bona fide gift or loan;
- (b) The sale or transfer of an antique firearm;
- (c) A temporary transfer of possession of a firearm if such transfer is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to the person to whom the firearm is transferred if:
- (i) The temporary transfer only lasts as long as immediately necessary to prevent such imminent death or great bodily harm; and
- (ii) The person to whom the firearm is transferred is not prohibited from possessing firearms under state or federal law;
- (d) A temporary transfer of possession of a firearm if: (i) The transfer is intended to prevent suicide or self-inflicted great bodily harm; (ii) the transfer lasts only as long as reasonably necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm; and (iii) the firearm is not utilized by the transferee for any purpose for the duration of the temporary transfer;
- (e) Any law enforcement or corrections agency and, to the extent the person is acting within the course and scope of his or her employment or official duties, any law enforcement or corrections officer, United States marshal, member of the armed forces of the United States or the national guard, or federal official;
- $((\frac{(++)}{(++)}))$  (f) A federally licensed gunsmith who receives a firearm solely for the purposes of service or repair, or the return of the firearm to its owner by the federally licensed gunsmith;
- $((\frac{f}{f}))$ )  $\underline{(g)}$  The temporary transfer of a firearm (i) between spouses or domestic partners; (ii) if the temporary transfer occurs, and the firearm is kept at all times, at an established shooting range authorized by the governing body of the jurisdiction in which such range is located; (iii) if the temporary transfer

occurs and the transferee's possession of the firearm is exclusively at a lawful organized competition involving the use of a firearm, or while participating in or practicing for a performance by an organized group that uses firearms as a part of the performance; (iv) to a person who is under eighteen years of age for lawful hunting, sporting, or educational purposes while under the supervision and control of a responsible adult who is not prohibited from possessing firearms;  $((\frac{or}{v}))$  (v) under circumstances in which the transferee and the firearm remain in the presence of the transferor; or (vi) while hunting if the hunting is legal in all places where the person to whom the firearm is transferred possesses the firearm and the person to whom the firearm is transferred has completed all training and holds all licenses or permits required for such hunting, provided that any temporary transfer allowed by this subsection is permitted only if the person to whom the firearm is transferred is not prohibited from possessing firearms under state or federal law; ((<del>or</del>

- (g)) (h) A person who (i) acquired a firearm other than a pistol by operation of law upon the death of the former owner of the firearm or (ii) acquired a pistol by operation of law upon the death of the former owner of the pistol within the preceding sixty days. At the end of the sixty-day period, the person must either have lawfully transferred the pistol or must have contacted the department of licensing to notify the department that he or she has possession of the pistol and intends to retain possession of the pistol, in compliance with all federal and state laws; or
- (i) A sale or transfer when the purchaser or transferee is a licensed collector and the firearm being sold or transferred is a curio or relic."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 15, 2017

SB 5581

Prime Sponsor, Senator Angel:
Authorizing public hospital districts to participate in self-insurance risk pools with nonprofit hospitals. Reported by

Committee on Business & Financial Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Kirby, Chair; Reeves, Vice Chair; Vick, Ranking Minority Member; Walsh, J., Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barkis; Bergquist; Blake; Jenkin; McCabe and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Santos.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 15, 2017

ESB 5629

Prime Sponsor, Senator Angel: Creating and establishing the rights and duties for title insurance rating and advisory organizations. Reported by Committee on Business & Financial Services MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Kirby, Chair; Reeves, Vice Chair; Vick, Ranking Minority Member; Walsh, J., Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barkis; Bergquist; Blake; Jenkin; McCabe; Santos and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10 a.m., March 22, 2017, the 73rd Day of the Regular Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk