

In providing an employer group plan under this section, the department may consider an employer group as a single employing entity for purposes of dividends or premium discounts.

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CHAPTER 50

[House Bill No. 1205]

MILITARY DISCHARGES—FREE RECORDATION

AN ACT Relating to recording of discharges; and amending RCW 73.04.030.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 38, Laws of 1943 and RCW 73.04.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Each county auditor of the several counties of the state of Washington shall record upon presentation without expense, in a suitable permanent record the ((honorable)) discharge of any veteran ((~~who was a resident of the county, at the time of his enlistment or induction into~~)) of the armed forces of the United States who is residing in the state of Washington.

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CHAPTER 51

[Substitute House Bill No. 1287]

ESCROW AGENTS—LICENSE RENEWAL—EXTENSION OF TIME

AN ACT Relating to the license renewal of escrow officers; and amending RCW 18.44.310.

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

Sec. 1. Section 24, chapter 156, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. as amended by section 6, chapter 340, Laws of 1985 and RCW 18.44.310 are each amended to read as follows:

The license of an escrow officer shall be retained and displayed at all times by the certificated escrow agent, and when the officer ceases to represent the agent, the license shall cease to be in force. Notice of such termination shall be given by the next regular business day by the escrow agent to the director and such notice shall be accompanied by and include the surrender of the escrow officer's license. Failure to notify the director of

such termination after demand by the affected escrow officer shall work a forfeiture of the escrow agent's certificate of registration.

The director may hold the escrow officer's license inactive (~~for a period not exceeding three consecutive years~~) upon application of the escrow officer: PROVIDED, That the escrow officer shall pay the annual renewal fee. Such license may be activated upon application of a certificated escrow agent on a form provided by the director (~~(, endorsement by an escrow officer,))~~) and the payment of a fee. The director shall thereupon issue a new license for the unexpired term if such escrow officer is otherwise entitled thereto. An escrow officer's first license shall not be issued inactive.

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CHAPTER 52

[House Bill No. 1348]

EMERGENCY VEHICLES—EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS

AN ACT Relating to excess weight permits for authorized emergency vehicles; and amending RCW 46.44.091.

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

Sec. 1. Section 46.44.091, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 31, chapter 151, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.091 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, no special permit shall be issued for movement on any state highway or route of a state highway within the limits of any city or town where the gross weight, including load, exceeds the following limits:

(a) Twenty-two thousand pounds on a single axle or on dual axles with a wheelbase between the first and second axles of less than three feet six inches;

(b) Forty-three thousand pounds on dual axles having a wheelbase between the first and second axles of not less than three feet six inches but less than seven feet;

(c) On any group of axles or in the case of a vehicle employing two single axles with a wheel base between the first and last axle of not less than seven feet but less than ten feet, a weight in pounds determined by multiplying six thousand five hundred times the distance in feet between the center of the first axle and the center of the last axle of the group;

(d) On any group of axles with a wheel base between the first and last axle of not less than ten feet but less than thirty feet, a weight in pounds determined by multiplying two thousand two hundred times the sum of