HOUSE BILL 3110

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1 AN ACT Relating to the taxation of nonprofit nursing homes; 2 amending RCW 82.04.4289 and 84.36.040; and adding a new section to 3 chapter 82.04 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.04.4289 and 2003 c 168 s 402 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

7 This chapter does not apply to amounts derived as compensation for 8 services rendered to patients or from sales of drugs for human use pursuant to a prescription furnished as an integral part of services 9 10 rendered to patients by a kidney dialysis facility operated as a nonprofit corporation, a nonprofit hospice agency licensed under 11 chapter 70.127 RCW((, and nursing homes)) and homes for unwed mothers 12 13 operated as religious or charitable organizations, but only if no part of the net earnings received by such an institution inures directly or 14 15 indirectly, to any person other than the institution entitled to 16 deduction hereunder. "Prescription" and "drug" have the same meaning as in RCW 82.08.0281. 17

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW
 to read as follows:

This chapter does not apply to nursing homes operated as religious or charitable organizations, if both of the following conditions are met:

6 (1) The ratio of medicaid patient days to total patient days at the 7 nursing home was at or above fifty percent according to the most recent 8 annual nursing home cost report data collected by the department of 9 social and health services; and

10 (2) No part of the net earnings received by the religious or 11 charitable organization inures directly or indirectly, to any person 12 other than the organization entitled to the exemption under this 13 section.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 84.36.040 and 2001 c 126 s 1 are each amended to read 15 as follows:

(1) The real and personal property used by nonprofit (a) ((day))
<u>family child</u> care ((centers)) <u>licensees</u> as defined pursuant to RCW
74.15.020; (b) free public libraries; (c) orphanages and orphan
asylums; (d) ((homes for the sick or infirm; (e))) hospitals for the
sick; and ((f))) <u>(e)</u> outpatient dialysis facilities, which are used
for the purposes of such organizations shall be exempt from taxation((÷
<u>PROVIDED</u>, That)). The benefit of the exemption inures to the user.

(2) <u>The real and personal property used by nonprofit nursing homes,</u> which are used for the purposes of such organizations, are exempt from <u>taxation</u>, <u>but only if</u>:

26 (a) The ratio of medicaid patient days to total patient days at the 27 nursing home was at, or above, fifty percent according to the most 28 recent annual nursing home cost report data collected by the department 29 of social and health services; and

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(b) The benefit of the exemption inures to the user.

31 (3) The real and personal property leased to and used by a 32 hospital, owned and operated by a public hospital district established 33 under chapter 70.44 RCW, for hospital purposes is exempt from taxation. 34 The benefit of the exemption must inure to the user.

35 (((3))) (4) To be exempt under this section, the property must be

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- 1 used exclusively for the purposes for which exemption is granted,
- 2 except as provided in RCW 84.36.805.

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