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HOUSE BILL 2703

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By Representatives Clements, Chappell, Chandler, Koster, Lisk, Thompson and Johnson

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1 AN ACT Relating to occupational safety and health; amending RCW  
2 49.17.030; adding a new section to chapter 49.70 RCW; repealing RCW  
3 49.70.117 and 49.70.119; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.17.030 and 1973 c 80 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, this  
8 chapter shall apply with respect to employment performed in any  
9 workplace within the state. The department of labor and industries  
10 shall provide by rule for a schedule of fees and charges to be paid by  
11 each employer subject to this chapter who is not subject to or  
12 obtaining coverage under the industrial insurance laws and who is not  
13 a self-insurer. The fees and charges collected shall be for the  
14 purpose of defraying such employer's pro rata share of the expenses of  
15 enforcing and administering this chapter.

16 (2) This chapter does not apply to employee working conditions with  
17 respect to which the department of agriculture exercises authority  
18 under chapter 15.58 or 17.21 RCW, or both, to prescribe or enforce  
19 standards affecting occupational safety or health.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   A new section is added to chapter 49.70 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        This chapter does not apply to employee hazard communication  
4 programs with respect to which the department of agriculture exercises  
5 authority under chapter 15.58 or 17.21 RCW, or both, to prescribe or  
6 enforce standards affecting occupational safety or health.

7        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   The following acts or parts of acts are each  
8 repealed:

9        (1) RCW 49.70.117 and 1992 c 173 s 2 & 1989 c 380 s 76; and

10       (2) RCW 49.70.119 and 1992 c 173 s 3 & 1989 c 380 s 77.

11       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
14 effect immediately.

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