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SENATE BILL 5792

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By Senators Wood, Quigley, Swecker, Hochstatter, Deccio, Moyer, McDonald, Strannigan, Schow, McCaslin and West

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1 AN ACT Relating to public assistance recipients who report more  
2 than two lost or stolen checks; adding a new section to chapter 74.04  
3 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; providing a  
4 contingent expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The department shall not issue a duplicate public assistance  
9 check within ten days of a reported loss if the recipient has reported  
10 two or more lost or stolen checks during his or her eligibility for  
11 public assistance.

12 (2) Duplicate checks after two shall only be issued when the  
13 investigation is complete and payment has been stopped on the original  
14 check.

15 (3) Recipients who report more than two lost or stolen checks shall  
16 receive a rent voucher in the amount of their rent for the duration of  
17 their eligibility for public assistance and shall receive a grant check  
18 in the amount of the difference between their rent and their  
19 eligibility amount.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The governor and the department of social  
2 and health services shall seek all necessary exemptions and waivers  
3 from and amendments to federal statutes, rules, and regulations and  
4 shall report to the appropriate committees in the house of  
5 representatives and senate quarterly on the efforts to secure the  
6 federal changes to permit full implementation of the program in section  
7 1 of this act at the earliest possible date.

8        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    In the event that the department of social  
9 and health services is not able to obtain the necessary exemptions,  
10 waivers, or amendments referred to in section 2 of this act before  
11 January 1, 1998, this act shall expire on that date and shall have no  
12 further force or effect.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    If any part of this act is found to be in  
14 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
15 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of  
16 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with  
17 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not  
18 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to  
19 the agencies concerned.    The rules under this act shall meet federal  
20 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal  
21 funds by the state.

22        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
25 effect July 1, 1995.

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