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1 AN ACT Relating to technical corrections of excise and property tax 2 statutes; amending RCW 19.146.050, 82.04.392, 82.04.405, 82.08.0262, 3 82.08.0263, 82.12.0254, 82.32.210, 82.32.215, 82.32.220, 82.36.130, 84.12.230, 84.33.091, 84.34.111, 84.34.131, 4 84.34.141, 84.34.145, 5 84.36.037, 84.36.041, 84.36.161, 84.36.353, 84.34.150, 84.36.473, 84.36.825, and 84.36.835; reenacting and amending RCW б 84.36.815, 7 82.04.260, 84.36.800, 84.36.805, and 84.36.810; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 84.36.330. 8

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

10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.146.050 and 1997 c 106 s 5 are each amended to read 11 as follows:

12 All moneys received by a mortgage broker from a borrower for 13 payment of third-party provider services shall be deemed as held in 14 trust immediately upon receipt by the mortgage broker. A mortgage 15 broker shall deposit, prior to the end of the third business day following receipt of such trust funds, all such trust funds in a trust 16 17 account of a federally insured financial institution located in this All trust account funds collected under this chapter must 18 state. 19 remain on deposit in a trust account in the state of Washington until

disbursement. The trust account shall be designated and maintained for 1 2 the benefit of borrowers. Moneys maintained in the trust account shall be exempt from execution, attachment, or garnishment. A mortgage 3 4 broker shall not in any way encumber the corpus of the trust account or commingle any other operating funds with trust account 5 funds. Withdrawals from the trust account shall be only for the payment of 6 7 bona fide services rendered by a third-party provider or for refunds to 8 borrowers. The director shall make rules which: (1) Direct mortgage 9 brokers how to handle checks and other instruments that are received by the broker and that combine trust funds with other funds; and (2) 10 permit transfer of trust funds out of the trust account for payment of 11 12 other costs only when necessary and only with the prior express written 13 permission of the borrower. Any interest earned on the trust account shall be refunded or credited to the borrowers at closing. 14 Trust 15 accounts that are operated in a manner consistent with this section and 16 any rules adopted by the director, are not considered ((exempt from 17 taxation)) gross receipts taxable under chapter 82.04 RCW.

18 Sec. 2. RCW 82.04.260 and 1996 c 148 s 2 and 1996 c 115 s 1 are 19 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of buying wheat, oats, dry peas, dry beans, lentils, triticale, canola, corn, rye and barley, but not including any manufactured ((or processed)) products thereof, and selling the same at wholesale; the tax imposed shall be equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.011 percent.

(2) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing wheat into flour, barley into pearl barley, soybeans into soybean oil, canola into canola oil, canola meal, or canola byproducts, or sunflower seeds into sunflower oil; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the flour, pearl barley, oil, canola meal, or canola byproduct manufactured, multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.

(3) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of splitting or processing dried peas; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the peas split or processed, multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.

(4) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business ofmanufacturing seafood products which remain in a raw, raw frozen, or

1 raw salted state at the completion of the manufacturing by that person;
2 as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business
3 shall be equal to the value of the products manufactured, multiplied by
4 the rate of 0.138 percent.

5 (5) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing by canning, preserving, freezing, processing, 6 or 7 dehydrating fresh fruits and vegetables, or selling at wholesale fresh 8 fruits and vegetables canned, preserved, frozen, processed, or 9 dehydrated by the seller and sold to purchasers who transport in the 10 ordinary course of business the goods out of this state; as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business shall be equal 11 to the value of the products canned, preserved, frozen, processed, or 12 13 dehydrated multiplied by the rate of 0.33 percent. As proof of sale to a person who transports in the ordinary course of business goods out of 14 15 this state, the seller shall annually provide a statement in a form prescribed by the department and retain the statement as a business 16 17 record.

18 (6) Upon every nonprofit corporation and nonprofit association 19 engaging within this state in research and development, as to such 20 corporations and associations, the amount of tax with respect to such 21 activities shall be equal to the gross income derived from such 22 activities multiplied by the rate of 0.484 percent.

(7) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of slaughtering, breaking and/or processing perishable meat products and/or selling the same at wholesale only and not at retail; as to such persons the tax imposed shall be equal to the gross proceeds derived from such sales multiplied by the rate of 0.138 percent.

(8) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of making sales, at retail or wholesale, of nuclear fuel assemblies manufactured by that person, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the gross proceeds of sales of the assemblies multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.

(9) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of manufacturing nuclear fuel assemblies, as to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the products manufactured multiplied by the rate of 0.275 percent.

(10) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business
of acting as a travel agent or tour operator; as to such persons the
amount of the tax with respect to such activities shall be equal to the

gross income derived from such activities multiplied by the rate of
 0.275 percent.

3 (11) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as an 4 international steamship agent, international customs house broker, 5 international freight forwarder, vessel and/or cargo charter broker in 6 foreign commerce, and/or international air cargo agent; as to such 7 persons the amount of the tax with respect to only international 8 activities shall be equal to the gross income derived from such 9 activities multiplied by the rate of 0.363 percent.

10 (12) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business of stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to the movement of 11 goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce; as 12 13 to such persons the amount of tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the gross proceeds derived from such activities multiplied 14 15 by the rate of 0.363 percent. Persons subject to taxation under this 16 subsection shall be exempt from payment of taxes imposed by chapter 17 82.16 RCW for that portion of their business subject to taxation under this subsection. Stevedoring and associated activities pertinent to 18 19 the conduct of goods and commodities in waterborne interstate or foreign commerce are defined as all activities of a labor, service or 20 transportation nature whereby cargo may be loaded or unloaded to or 21 from vessels or barges, passing over, onto or under a wharf, pier, or 22 23 similar structure; cargo may be moved to a warehouse or similar holding 24 or storage yard or area to await further movement in import or export 25 or may move to a consolidation freight station and be stuffed, 26 unstuffed, containerized, separated or otherwise segregated or 27 aggregated for delivery or loaded on any mode of transportation for delivery to its consignee. Specific activities included in this 28 29 definition are: Wharfage, handling, loading, unloading, moving of 30 cargo to a convenient place of delivery to the consignee or a convenient place for further movement to export mode; documentation 31 services in connection with the receipt, delivery, checking, care, 32 custody and control of cargo required in the transfer of cargo; 33 34 imported automobile handling prior to delivery to consignee; terminal 35 stevedoring and incidental vessel services, including but not limited to plugging and unplugging refrigerator service to containers, 36 37 trailers, and other refrigerated cargo receptacles, and securing ship hatch covers. 38

1 (13) Upon every person engaging within this state in the business 2 of disposing of low-level waste, as defined in RCW 43.145.010; as to 3 such persons the amount of the tax with respect to such business shall 4 be equal to the gross income of the business, excluding any fees 5 imposed under chapter 43.200 RCW, multiplied by the rate of 3.3 6 percent.

7 If the gross income of the taxpayer is attributable to activities 8 both within and without this state, the gross income attributable to 9 this state shall be determined in accordance with the methods of 10 apportionment required under RCW 82.04.460.

(14) Upon every person engaging within this state as an insurance agent, insurance broker, or insurance solicitor licensed under chapter 48.17 RCW; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such licensed activities shall be equal to the gross income of such business multiplied by the rate of 0.55 percent.

16 (15) Upon every person engaging within this state in business as a 17 hospital, as defined in chapter 70.41 RCW, that is operated as a nonprofit corporation or by the state or any of its political 18 19 subdivisions, as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to 20 such activities shall be equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of 0.75 percent through June 30, 1995, and 1.5 21 percent thereafter. The moneys collected under this subsection shall 22 23 be deposited in the health services account created under RCW 24 43.72.900.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.04.392 and 1997 c 106 s 21 are each amended to read 26 as follows:

This chapter shall not apply to amounts received from trust accounts ((that)) to mortgage brokers for the payment of third-party <u>costs if the accounts</u> are operated in a manner consistent with RCW 19.146.050 and any rules adopted by the director of financial institutions.

32 Sec. 4. RCW 82.04.405 and 1970 ex.s. c 101 s 3 are each amended to 33 read as follows:

This chapter shall not apply to the gross income of credit unions organized under the laws of this state<u>, any other state</u>, or the United States.

1 Sec. 5. RCW 82.08.0262 and 1994 c 43 s 1 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

3 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of 4 airplanes, locomotives, railroad cars, or watercraft for use in 5 conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting therein or therewith property and persons for hire or for use in conducting 6 7 commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters 8 of the state or airplanes sold to the United States government; also 9 sales of tangible personal property which becomes a component part of 10 such airplanes, locomotives, railroad cars, or watercraft, and of motor 11 vehicles or trailers whether owned by or leased with or without drivers 12 and used by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate 13 Commerce Commission or its successor agency authorizing transportation by motor vehicle across the boundaries of this state, in the course of 14 15 constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the same; also sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in 16 17 respect to such constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or 18 improving.

19 Sec. 6. RCW 82.08.0263 and 1995 c 63 s 1 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of motor vehicles and trailers to be used for the purpose of transporting therein persons or property for hire in interstate or foreign commerce whether such use is by the owner or whether such motor vehicles and trailers are leased to the user with or without drivers: PROVIDED, That the purchaser or user must be the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission <u>or its successor agency</u>.

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 82.12.0254 and 1995 c 63 s 2 are each amended to read 29 as follows:

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to the 30 use of any airplane, locomotive, railroad car, or watercraft used 31 primarily in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting 32 33 therein or therewith property and persons for hire or used primarily in commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters 34 35 of the state, and in respect to use of tangible personal property which becomes a component part of any such airplane, locomotive, railroad 36 37 car, or watercraft, and in respect to the use by a nonresident of this

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state of any motor vehicle or trailer used exclusively in transporting 1 persons or property across the boundaries of this state and in 2 intrastate operations incidental thereto when such motor vehicle or 3 4 trailer is registered and licensed in a foreign state and in respect to the use by a nonresident of this state of any motor vehicle or trailer 5 so registered and licensed and used within this state for a period not 6 7 exceeding fifteen consecutive days under such rules as the department 8 of revenue shall adopt: PROVIDED, That under circumstances determined 9 to be justifiable by the department of revenue a second fifteen day 10 period may be authorized consecutive with the first fifteen day period; and for the purposes of this exemption the term "nonresident" as used 11 12 herein, shall include a user who has one or more places of business in this state as well as in one or more other states, but the exemption 13 for nonresidents shall apply only to those vehicles which are most 14 15 frequently dispatched, garaged, serviced, maintained, and operated from 16 the user's place of business in another state; and in respect to the 17 use by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission or its successor agency of any motor vehicle or trailer 18 19 whether owned by or leased with or without driver to the permit holder 20 and used in substantial part in the normal and ordinary course of the user's business for transporting therein persons or property for hire 21 across the boundaries of this state; and in respect to the use of any 22 23 motor vehicle or trailer while being operated under the authority of a 24 one-transit permit issued by the director of licensing pursuant to RCW 25 46.16.160 and moving upon the highways from the point of delivery in 26 this state to a point outside this state; and in respect to the use of 27 tangible personal property which becomes a component part of any motor vehicle or trailer used by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the 28 29 Interstate Commerce Commission or its successor agency authorizing 30 transportation by motor vehicle across the boundaries of this state 31 whether such motor vehicle or trailer is owned by or leased with or without driver to the permit holder. 32

33 **Sec. 8.** RCW 82.32.210 and 1997 c 157 s 3 are each amended to read 34 as follows:

(1) If any fee, tax, increase, or penalty or any portion thereof is not paid within fifteen days after it becomes due, the department of revenue may issue a warrant ((under its official seal)) in the amount of such unpaid sums, together with interest thereon from the date the

1 warrant is issued until the date of payment. If, however, the 2 department of revenue believes that a taxpayer is about to cease 3 business, leave the state, or remove or dissipate the assets out of 4 which fees, taxes or penalties might be satisfied and that any tax or 5 penalty will not be paid when due, it may declare the fee, tax or 6 penalty to be immediately due and payable and may issue a warrant 7 immediately.

8 (a) Interest imposed before January 1, 1999, shall be computed at 9 the rate of one percent of the amount of the warrant for each thirty 10 days or portion thereof.

(b) Interest imposed after December 31, 1998, shall be computed on a daily basis on the amount of outstanding tax or fee at the rate as computed under RCW 82.32.050(2). The rate so computed shall be adjusted on the first day of January of each year for use in computing interest for that calendar year. As used in this subsection, "fee" does not include an administrative filing fee such as a court filing fee and warrant fee.

(2) The department shall file a copy of the warrant with the clerk 18 19 of the superior court of any county of the state in which real and/or 20 personal property of the taxpayer may be found. Upon filing, the clerk shall enter in the judgment docket, the name of the taxpayer mentioned 21 22 in the warrant and in appropriate columns the amount of the fee, tax or 23 portion thereof and any increases and penalties for which the warrant 24 is issued and the date when the copy is filed, and thereupon the amount 25 of the warrant so docketed shall become a specific lien upon all goods, 26 wares, merchandise, fixtures, equipment, or other personal property 27 used in the conduct of the business of the taxpayer against whom the warrant is issued, including property owned by third persons who have 28 a beneficial interest, direct or indirect, in the operation of the 29 30 business, and no sale or transfer of the personal property in any way affects the lien. 31

(3) The lien shall not be superior, however, to bona fide interests 32 of third persons which had vested prior to the filing of the warrant 33 when the third persons do not have a beneficial interest, direct or 34 35 indirect, in the operation of the business, other than the securing of the payment of a debt or the receiving of a regular rental on 36 37 equipment. The phrase "bona fide interests of third persons" does not include any mortgage of real or personal property or any other credit 38 39 transaction that results in the mortgagee or the holder of the security

acting as trustee for unsecured creditors of the taxpayer mentioned in
 the warrant who executed the chattel or real property mortgage or the
 document evidencing the credit transaction.

4 (4) The amount of the warrant so docketed shall thereupon also 5 become a lien upon the title to and interest in all other real and 6 personal property of the taxpayer against whom it is issued the same as 7 a judgment in a civil case duly docketed in the office of the clerk. 8 The warrant so docketed shall be sufficient to support the issuance of 9 writs of garnishment in favor of the state in the manner provided by 10 law in the case of judgments wholly or partially unsatisfied.

Sec. 9. RCW 82.32.215 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 55 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

If any warrant issued under this chapter is not paid within thirty 13 14 days after it has been filed with the clerk of the superior court, or 15 if any taxpayer is delinquent, for three consecutive reporting periods, 16 in the transmission to the department of revenue of retail sales tax collected by ((him)) the taxpayer, the department of revenue may, by 17 18 order ((issued under its official seal)), revoke the certificate of 19 registration of the taxpayer against whom the warrant was issued, and, if the order is entered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a 20 conspicuous place at the main entrance to the taxpayer's place of 21 business and shall remain posted until such time as the warrant has 22 23 been paid. Any certificate so revoked shall not be reinstated, nor 24 shall a new certificate of registration be issued to the taxpayer, 25 until the amount due on the warrant has been paid, or provisions for payment satisfactory to the department of revenue have been entered, 26 and until the taxpayer has deposited with the department of revenue 27 such security for payment of any taxes, increases, and penalties, due 28 29 or which may become due in an amount and under such terms and 30 conditions as the department of revenue may require, but the amount of the security shall not be greater than one-half the estimated average 31 32 annual liability of the taxpayer.

33 **Sec. 10.** RCW 82.32.220 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 55 s 10 are each 34 amended to read as follows:

The department of revenue may issue an order of execution, pursuant to a filed warrant, ((under its official seal)) directed to the sheriff of the county in which the warrant has been filed, commanding ((him))

the sheriff to levy upon and sell the real and/or personal property of 1 the taxpayer found within ((his)) the sheriff's county, or so much 2 thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of the amount of the 3 4 warrant, plus the cost of executing the warrant, and return the warrant 5 to the department of revenue and pay to it the money collected by virtue thereof within sixty days after the receipt of the warrant. The 6 sheriff shall thereupon proceed upon the same in all respects and with 7 8 like effect as prescribed by law with respect to execution or other 9 process issued against rights or property upon judgments of the 10 superior court.

The sheriff shall be entitled to fees as provided by law for ((his)) <u>the sheriff's</u> services in levying execution on a superior court judgment and the clerk shall be entitled to a filing fee as provided by law, which shall be added to the amount of the warrant.

15 The proceeds received from any sale shall be credited upon the amount due under the warrant and when the final amount due is received, 16 17 together with interest, penalties, and costs, the judgment docket shall show the claim for taxes to be satisfied and the clerk of the court 18 19 shall so note upon the docket. Any surplus received from any sale of 20 property shall be paid to the taxpayer or to any lien holder entitled thereto. If the return on the warrant shows that the same has not been 21 22 satisfied in full, the amount of the deficiency shall remain the same 23 as a judgment against the taxpayer which may be collected in the same 24 manner as the original amount of the warrant.

25 **Sec. 11.** RCW 82.36.130 and 1961 c 15 s 82.36.130 are each amended 26 to read as follows:

If any distributor is in default for more than ten days in the 27 payment of any excise taxes or penalties thereon, the director shall 28 29 issue a warrant ((under the official seal of his office)) directed to the sheriff of any county of the state commanding ((him)) the sheriff 30 to levy upon and sell the goods and chattels of the distributor, 31 without exemption, found within ((his)) the sheriff's jurisdiction, for 32 the payment of the amount of such delinquency, with the added penalties 33 34 and interest and the cost of executing the warrant, and to return such warrant to the director and to pay the director the money collected by 35 36 virtue thereof within the time to be therein specified, which shall not be less than twenty nor more than sixty days from the date of the 37 The sheriff to whom the warrant is directed shall proceed 38 warrant.

upon it in all respects and with like effect and in the same manner as prescribed by law in respect to executions issued against goods and chattels upon judgment by a court of record and shall be entitled to the same fees for ((his)) the sheriff's services to be collected in the same manner.

6 Sec. 12. RCW 84.12.230 and 1984 c 132 s 1 are each amended to read 7 as follows:

8 Each company doing business in this state shall annually on or 9 before the 15th day of March, make and file with the department of revenue an annual report, in such manner, upon such form, and giving 10 11 such information as the department may direct: PROVIDED, That the 12 department, upon written request filed on or before such date and for good cause shown therein, may allow an extension of time for filing not 13 14 to exceed sixty days. At the time of making such report each company 15 shall also be required to furnish to the department the annual reports 16 of the board of directors, or other officers to the stockholders of the company, duplicate copies of the annual reports made to the interstate 17 18 commerce commission or its successor agency and to the utilities and transportation commission of this state and duplicate copies of such 19 other reports as the department may direct: 20 PROVIDED, That the duplicate copies of these annual reports shall not be due until such 21 22 time as they are due to the stockholders or commissioners.

23 **Sec. 13.** RCW 84.33.091 and 1984 c 204 s 11 are each amended to 24 read as follows:

(1) The department of revenue shall designate areas containing 25 26 timber having similar growing, harvesting, and marketing conditions to 27 be used as units for the preparation and application of stumpage 28 values. Each year on or before December 31 for use the following 29 January through June 30, and on or before June 30 for use the following July through December 31, the department shall prepare tables of 30 stumpage values of each species or subclassification of timber within 31 32 these units. The stumpage value shall be the amount that each such species or subclassification would sell for at a voluntary sale made in 33 the ordinary course of business for purposes of immediate harvest. 34 35 These stumpage values, expressed in terms of a dollar amount per 36 thousand board feet or other unit measure, shall be determined in a 37 manner which makes reasonable and adequate allowances for age, size,

1 quality, costs of removal, accessibility to point of conversion, market 2 conditions, and all other relevant factors from:

3 (a) Gross proceeds from sales on the stump of similar timber of
4 like quality and character at similar locations, and in similar
5 quantities;

6 (b) Gross proceeds from sales of logs adjusted to reflect only the 7 portion of such proceeds attributable to value on the stump immediately 8 prior to harvest; or

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(c) A combination of (a) and (b) of this subsection.

10 (2) Upon application from any person who plans to harvest damaged timber, the stumpage values for which have been materially reduced from 11 12 the values shown in the applicable tables due to damage resulting from fire, blow down, ice storm, flood, or other sudden unforeseen cause, 13 the department shall revise the stumpage value tables for any area in 14 which such timber is located and shall specify any additional 15 accounting or other requirements to be complied with in reporting and 16 17 paying the tax.

(3) The preliminary area designations and stumpage value tables and any revisions thereof are subject to review by the ways and means committees of the house of representatives and senate prior to finalization. Tables of stumpage values shall be signed by the director or the director's designee ((and authenticated by the official seal of the department)). A copy thereof shall be mailed to anyone who has submitted to the department a written request for a copy.

(4) On or before the sixtieth day after the date of final adoption of any stumpage value tables, any harvester may appeal to the board of tax appeals for a revision of stumpage values for an area determined pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

29 **Sec. 14.** RCW 84.34.111 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 212 s 13 are each 30 amended to read as follows:

The owner of any land as to which additional tax is imposed as provided in <u>this</u> chapter ((212, Laws of 1973 lst ex. sess.)) shall have with respect to valuation of the land and imposition of the additional tax all remedies provided by <u>this title</u> ((84 RCW)).

35 **Sec. 15.** RCW 84.34.131 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 212 s 16 are each 36 amended to read as follows:

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Nothing in <u>this</u> chapter ((212, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.)) shall be construed as in any manner affecting the method for valuation of timber standing on timber land which has been classified under ((the provisions of)) <u>this</u> chapter ((212, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess)).

5 Sec. 16. RCW 84.34.141 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 212 s 17 are each 6 amended to read as follows:

7 The department of revenue of the state of Washington shall make 8 such rules and regulations consistent with ((the provisions of)) this 9 chapter ((212, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.)) as shall be necessary or 10 desirable to permit its effective administration.

11 **Sec. 17.** RCW 84.34.145 and 1992 c 69 s 13 are each amended to read 12 as follows:

The county legislative authority shall appoint a five member committee representing the active farming community within the county to serve in an advisory capacity to the assessor in implementing assessment guidelines as established by the department of revenue for the assessment of open space, farms and agricultural lands, and timber lands classified ((pursuant to)) under this chapter ((212, Laws of 1973) 19 1st ex. sess)).

20 **Sec. 18.** RCW 84.34.150 and 1992 c 69 s 14 are each amended to read 21 as follows:

22 Land classified under the provisions of chapter 84.34 RCW prior to 23 July 16, 1973 which meets the criteria for classification under ((the provisions of)) this chapter ((212, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess.)), is 24 hereby reclassified under ((the provisions of)) this chapter ((212, 25 Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess)). This change in classification shall be 26 27 made without additional tax, applicable interest, penalty, or other requirements((: <u>PROVIDED</u>, <u>That</u>))<u>, but</u> 28 subsequent to such reclassification, the land shall be fully subject to ((the provisions 29 30 of)) this chapter ((84.34 RCW)). A condition imposed by a granting authority prior to July 16, 1973, upon land classified pursuant to RCW 31 32 84.34.020 (1) or (3) shall remain in effect during the period of classification. 33

34 **Sec. 19.** RCW 84.36.037 and 1997 c 298 s 1 are each amended to read 35 as follows:

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(1) Real or personal property owned by a nonprofit organization, 1 2 association, or corporation in connection with the operation of a public assembly hall or meeting place is exempt from taxation. 3 The 4 area exempt under this section includes the building or buildings, the 5 land under the buildings, and an additional area necessary for parking, not exceeding a total of one acre((: PROVIDED, That for)). When 6 7 property for which exemption is sought is essentially unimproved except 8 for restroom facilities and structures ((on such)) and this property 9 ((which)) has been used primarily for annual community celebration 10 events for at least ten years, ((such)) the exempt property shall not 11 exceed twenty-nine acres.

12 (2) To qualify for this exemption the property must be used 13 exclusively for public gatherings and be available to all organizations 14 or persons desiring to use the property, but the owner may impose 15 conditions and restrictions which are necessary for the safekeeping of 16 the property and promote the purposes of this exemption. Membership 17 shall not be a prerequisite for the use of the property.

18 (3) The use of the property for pecuniary gain or to promote 19 business activities, except as provided in this section, nullifies the 20 exemption otherwise available for the property for the assessment year. 21 The exemption is not nullified by:

(a) The collection of rent or donations if the amount is reasonable
 and does not exceed maintenance and operation expenses created by the
 user.

25 (b) Fund-raising activities conducted by a nonprofit organization. 26 (c) The use of the property for pecuniary gain or to promote 27 business activities for periods of not more than seven days in a year. (d) An inadvertent use of the property in a manner inconsistent 28 with the purpose for which exemption is granted, if the inadvertent use 29 30 is not part of a pattern of use. A pattern of use is presumed when an inadvertent use is repeated in the same assessment year or in two or 31 32 more successive assessment years.

33 (4) The department of revenue shall narrowly construe this34 exemption.

35 **Sec. 20.** RCW 84.36.041 and 1997 c 3 s 124 are each amended to read 36 as follows:

(1) All real and personal property used by a nonprofit home for theaging that is reasonably necessary for the purposes of the home is

1 exempt from taxation if the benefit of the exemption inures to the home
2 and:

3 (a) At least fifty percent of the occupied dwelling units in the4 home are occupied by eligible residents; or

5 (b) The home is subsidized under a federal department of housing 6 and urban development program. The department of revenue shall provide 7 by rule a definition of homes eligible for exemption under this 8 subsection (b), consistent with the purposes of this section.

9 (2) All real and personal property used by a nonprofit home for the 10 aging that is reasonably necessary for the purposes of the home is exempt from taxation if the benefit of the exemption inures to the home 11 and the construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, or refinancing of 12 13 the home is financed under a program using bonds exempt from federal income tax if at least seventy-five percent of the total amount 14 15 financed uses the tax exempt bonds and the financing program requires 16 the home to reserve a percentage of all dwelling units so financed for 17 low-income residents. The initial term of the exemption under this subsection shall equal the term of the tax exempt bond used in 18 19 connection with the financing program, or the term of the requirement to reserve dwelling units for low-income residents, whichever is 20 shorter. If the financing program involves less than the entire home, 21 only those dwelling units included in the financing program are 22 eligible for total exemption. The department of revenue shall provide 23 24 by rule the requirements for monitoring compliance with the provisions 25 of this subsection and the requirements for exemption including:

(a) The number or percentage of dwelling units required to beoccupied by low-income residents, and a definition of low income;

(b) The type and character of the dwelling units, whetherindependent units or otherwise; and

30 (c) Any particular requirements for continuing care retirement 31 communities.

32 (3) A home for the aging is eligible for a partial exemption on the 33 real property and a total exemption for the home's personal property if 34 the home does not meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this 35 section because fewer than fifty percent of the occupied dwelling units 36 are occupied by eligible residents, as follows:

(a) A partial exemption shall be allowed for each dwelling unit in
 a home occupied by a resident requiring assistance with activities of
 daily living.

(b) A partial exemption shall be allowed for each dwelling unit in
 a home occupied by an eligible resident.

3 (c) A partial exemption shall be allowed for an area jointly used 4 by a home for the aging and by a nonprofit organization, association, 5 or corporation currently exempt from property taxation under one of the 6 other provisions of this chapter. The shared area must be reasonably 7 necessary for the purposes of the nonprofit organization, association, 8 or corporation exempt from property taxation under one of the other 9 provisions of this chapter, such as kitchen, dining, and laundry areas.

10 (d) The amount of exemption shall be calculated by multiplying the 11 assessed value of the property reasonably necessary for the purposes of 12 the home, less the assessed value of any area exempt under (c) of this 13 subsection, by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the number of dwelling units occupied by eligible residents and by residents 14 15 requiring assistance with activities of daily living. The denominator 16 of the fraction is the total number of occupied dwelling units as of 17 January 1st of the year for which exemption is claimed.

(4) To be exempt under this section, the property must be used
exclusively for the purposes for which the exemption is granted, except
as provided in RCW 84.36.805.

(5) A home for the aging is exempt from taxation only if the organization operating the home is exempt from income tax under section 501(c) of the federal internal revenue code as existing on January 1, 1989, or such subsequent date as the director may provide by rule consistent with the purposes of this section.

(6) In order for the home to be eligible for exemption under 26 subsections (1)(a) and (2)(b) of this section, each eligible resident 27 of a home for the aging shall submit an income verification form to the 28 29 county assessor by July 1st of the assessment year in which the 30 application for exemption is made. The income verification form shall be prescribed and furnished by the department of revenue. An eligible 31 resident who has filed a form for a previous year need not file a new 32 33 form until there is a change in status affecting the person's eligibility. 34

(7) In determining the assessed value of a home for the aging for purposes of the partial exemption provided by subsection (3) of this section, the assessor shall apply the computation method provided by RCW 84.34.060 and shall consider only the use to which such property is

applied during the years for which such partial exemptions are
 available and shall not consider potential uses of such property.

3 (8) ((A home for the aging that was exempt or partially exempt for 4 taxes levied in 1993 for collection in 1994 is partially exempt for taxes levied in 1994 for collection in 1995, has an increase in taxable 5 value for taxes levied in 1994 for collection in 1995 due to the change 6 prescribed by chapter 151, Laws of 1993 with respect to the numerator 7 8 of the fraction used to determine the amount of a partial exemption, 9 and is not fully exempt under this section is entitled to partial 10 exemptions as follows:

11 (a) For taxes levied in 1994 for collection in 1995, the home shall 12 pay taxes based upon the taxable value in 1993 plus one-third of the 13 increase in the taxable value from 1993 to the nonexempt value 14 calculated under subsection (3)(d) of this section for 1994.

(b) For taxes levied in 1995 for collection in 1996, the home shall pay taxes based upon the taxable value for 1994 as calculated in (a) of this subsection plus one-half of the increase in the taxable value from 18 1994 to the nonexempt value calculated under subsection (3)(d) of this 19 section for 1995. For taxes levied in 1996 for collection in 1997 and 20 for taxes levied thereafter, this subsection (8) does not apply, and 21 the home shall pay taxes without reference to this subsection (8).

22 (c) For purposes of this subsection (8), "taxable value" means the 23 value of the home upon which the tax rate is applied in order to 24 determine the amount of taxes due.

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(9)) As used in this section:

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(a) "Eligible resident" means a person who:

(i) Occupied the dwelling unit as a principal place of residence as of January 1st of the year for which the exemption is claimed. Confinement of the person to a hospital or nursing home does not disqualify the claim of exemption if the dwelling unit is temporarily unoccupied or if the dwelling unit is occupied by a spouse, a person financially dependent on the claimant for support, or both; and

(ii) Is sixty-one years of age or older on December 31st of the year in which the exemption claim is filed, or is, at the time of filing, retired from regular gainful employment by reason of physical disability. Any surviving spouse of a person who was receiving an exemption at the time of the person's death shall qualify if the surviving spouse is fifty-seven years of age or older and otherwise meets the requirements of this subsection; and

(iii) Has a combined disposable income of no more than the greater 1 2 of twenty-two thousand dollars or eighty percent of the median income adjusted for family size as most recently determined by the federal 3 4 department of housing and urban development for the county in which the 5 person resides. For the purposes of determining eligibility under this section, a "cotenant" means a person who resides with an eligible 6 7 resident and who shares personal financial resources with the eligible 8 resident.

9 (b) "Combined disposable income" means the disposable income of the 10 person submitting the income verification form, plus the disposable income of his or her spouse, and the disposable income of each cotenant 11 occupying the dwelling unit for the preceding calendar year, less 12 13 amounts paid by the person submitting the income verification form or his or her spouse or cotenant during the previous year for the 14 15 treatment or care of either person received in the dwelling unit or in 16 a nursing home. If the person submitting the income verification form 17 was retired for two months or more of the preceding year, the combined disposable income of such person shall be calculated by multiplying the 18 19 average monthly combined disposable income of such person during the months such person was retired by twelve. If the income of the person 20 submitting the income verification form is reduced for two or more 21 months of the preceding year by reason of the death of the person's 22 spouse, the combined disposable income of such person shall be 23 24 calculated by multiplying the average monthly combined disposable 25 income of such person after the death of the spouse by twelve.

(c) "Disposable income" means adjusted gross income as defined in the federal internal revenue code, as amended prior to January 1, 1989, or such subsequent date as the director may provide by rule consistent with the purpose of this section, plus all of the following items to the extent they are not included in or have been deducted from adjusted gross income:

(i) Capital gains, other than nonrecognized gain on the sale of a principal residence under section 1034 of the federal internal revenue code, or gain excluded from income under section 121 of the federal internal revenue code to the extent it is reinvested in a new principal residence;

- 37 (ii) Amounts deducted for loss;
- 38 (iii) Amounts deducted for depreciation;
- 39 (iv) Pension and annuity receipts;

(v) Military pay and benefits other than attendant-care and
 medical-aid payments;

3 (vi) Veterans benefits other than attendant-care and medical-aid
4 payments;

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(vii) Federal social security act and railroad retirement benefits; (viii) Dividend receipts; and

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(ix) Interest received on state and municipal bonds.

8 (d) "Resident requiring assistance with activities of daily living" 9 means a person who requires significant assistance with the activities 10 of daily living and who would be at risk of nursing home placement 11 without this assistance.

(e) "Home for the aging" means a residential housing facility that 12 13 (i) provides a housing arrangement chosen voluntarily by the resident, the resident's guardian or conservator, or another responsible person; 14 15 (ii) has only residents who are at least sixty-one years of age or who have needs for care generally compatible with persons who are at least 16 17 sixty-one years of age; and (iii) provides varying levels of care and 18 supervision, as agreed to at the time of admission or as determined 19 necessary at subsequent times of reappraisal.

20 (((10))) (9) A for-profit home for the aging that converts to 21 nonprofit status after June 11, 1992, and would otherwise be eligible 22 for tax exemption under this section may not receive the tax exemption 23 until five years have elapsed since the conversion. The exemption 24 shall then be ratably granted over the next five years.

25 **Sec. 21.** RCW 84.36.161 and 1961 c 15 s 84.36.161 are each amended 26 to read as follows:

27 RCW 84.36.140, 84.36.150, 84.36.160 and 84.36.162 shall not be 28 construed to amend or repeal RCW 84.40.210 ((or 84.44.060)).

29 Sec. 22. RCW 84.36.353 and 1970 ex.s. c 81 s 2 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following term as ((hereinafter)) used in ((this chapter shall have)) RCW 84.36.350 has the following meaning:

"Sheltered workshop" means rehabilitation facility, or that part of a rehabilitation facility operated by a nonprofit corporation, where any manufacture or handiwork is carried on and which is operated for the primary purpose of (1) providing gainful employment or

rehabilitation services to the handicapped as an interim step in the 1 2 rehabilitation process for those who cannot be readily absorbed in the labor market or during such time as 3 competitive employment 4 opportunities for them in the competitive labor market do not exist; or 5 (2) providing evaluation and work adjustment services for handicapped individuals. б

7 Sec. 23. RCW 84.36.473 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 62 s 2 are each 8 amended to read as follows:

9 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 10 this section apply ((throughout)) to RCW ((84.36.475 and)) 11 84.36.477((÷)).

(1) "Business inventories" means all livestock and means personal 12 property not under lease or rental, acquired or produced solely for the 13 purpose of sale or lease, or for the purpose of consuming such property 14 15 in producing for sale or lease a new article of tangible personal property of which such property becomes an ingredient or component. 16 Business inventories shall not mean personal property acquired or 17 18 produced for the purpose of lease or rental if such property was leased 19 or rented at any time during the calendar year immediately preceding the year of assessment and was not thereafter remanufactured, nor shall 20 it include property held within the normal course of business for lease 21 or rental for periods of less than thirty days. It shall not include 22 23 agricultural or horticultural property fully or partially exempt under 24 RCW 84.36.470 or timber which is standing on public land and which is 25 sold under a contract entered into after August 1, 1982. It shall include inventories of finished goods and work in process. 26 For purposes of this section, "remanufacturing" shall mean restoration of 27 property to essentially original condition, but shall not mean normal 28 29 maintenance or repairs.

30 (2) "Successor" shall have the meaning given to it in RCW 31 82.04.180.

32 **Sec. 24.** RCW 84.36.800 and 1997 c 156 s 7 and 1997 c 143 s 2 are 33 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 As used in ((RCW 84.36.020, 84.36.030, 84.36.037, 84.36.040, 35 84.36.041, 84.36.050, 84.36.060, 84.36.550, 84.36.046, and 84.36.800 36 through 84.36.865)) this chapter:

1 (1) "Church purposes" means the use of real and personal property 2 owned by a nonprofit religious organization for religious worship or 3 related administrative, educational, eleemosynary, and social 4 activities. This definition is to be broadly construed;

5 (2) "Convent" means a house or set of buildings occupied by a 6 community of clergy or nuns devoted to religious life under a superior;

7 (3) "Hospital" means any portion of a hospital building, or other 8 buildings in connection therewith, used as a residence for persons 9 engaged or employed in the operation of a hospital, or operated as a 10 portion of the hospital unit;

(4) "Nonprofit" means an organization, association or corporation 11 no part of the income of which is paid directly or indirectly to its 12 13 members, stockholders, officers, directors or trustees except in the form of services rendered by the organization, association, or 14 15 corporation in accordance with its purposes and bylaws and the salary 16 or compensation paid to officers of such organization, association or 17 corporation is for actual services rendered and compares to the salary or compensation of like positions within the public services of the 18 19 state;

20 (5) "Parsonage" means a residence occupied by a member of the 21 clergy who has been designated for a particular congregation and who 22 holds regular services therefor.

23 **Sec. 25.** RCW 84.36.805 and 1997 c 156 s 8 and 1997 c 143 s 3 are 24 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

In order to be exempt pursuant to RCW 84.36.030, 84.36.035, 84.36.037, 84.36.040, 84.36.041, 84.36.043, 84.36.045, <u>84.36.046</u>, 84.36.047, 84.36.050, 84.36.060, 84.36.350, 84.36.480, <u>and</u> 84.36.550((7) and <u>84.36.046</u>)), the nonprofit organizations, associations or corporations shall satisfy the following conditions:

30 (1) The property is used exclusively for the actual operation of 31 the activity for which exemption is granted, unless otherwise provided, 32 and does not exceed an amount reasonably necessary for that purpose, 33 except:

34 (a) The loan or rental of the property does not subject the35 property to tax if:

(i) The rents and donations received for the use of the portion ofthe property are reasonable and do not exceed the maintenance and

operation expenses attributable to the portion of the property loaned
 or rented; and

3 (ii) Except for the exemptions under RCW 84.36.030(4) and 4 84.36.037, the property would be exempt from tax if owned by the 5 organization to which it is loaned or rented;

6 (b) The use of the property for fund-raising activities does not 7 subject the property to tax if the fund-raising activities are 8 consistent with the purposes for which the exemption is granted;

9 (2) The property is irrevocably dedicated to the purpose for which 10 exemption has been granted, and on the liquidation, dissolution, or 11 abandonment by said organization, association, or corporation, said 12 property will not inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of any 13 individual, except a nonprofit organization, shareholder or association, or corporation which too would be entitled to property tax 14 15 exemption. This property need not be irrevocably dedicated if it is leased or rented to those qualified for exemption pursuant to RCW 16 17 84.36.035, 84.36.040, 84.36.041, 84.36.043, or 84.36.046 or those 18 qualified for exemption as an association engaged in the production or 19 performance of musical, dance, artistic, dramatic, or literary works 20 pursuant to RCW 84.36.060, but only if under the terms of the lease or 21 rental agreement the nonprofit organization, association, or 22 corporation receives the benefit of the exemption;

(3) The facilities and services are available to all regardless ofrace, color, national origin or ancestry;

(4) The organization, association, or corporation is duly licensed
 or certified where such licensing or certification is required by law
 or regulation;

(5) Property sold to organizations, associations, or corporations
 with an option to be repurchased by the seller shall not qualify for
 exempt status;

31 (6) The director of the department of revenue shall have access to 32 its books in order to determine whether such organization, association, 33 or corporation is exempt from taxes within the intent of RCW 84.36.030, 34 84.36.035, 84.36.037, 84.36.040, 84.36.041, 84.36.043, 84.36.045, 35 <u>84.36.046</u>, 84.36.047, 84.36.050, 84.36.060, 84.36.350, <u>and</u> 84.36.480((7) 36 and 84.36.046)).

37 **Sec. 26.** RCW 84.36.810 and 1997 c 156 s 9 and 1997 c 143 s 4 are 38 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon cessation of a use under which an exemption has been 1 granted pursuant to RCW 84.36.030, 84.36.037, 84.36.040, 84.36.041, 2 84.36.043, <u>84.36.046</u>, 84.36.050, 84.36.060, <u>and</u> 84.36.550((, and 3 84.36.046)), the county treasurer shall collect all taxes which would 4 5 have been paid had the property not been exempt during the three years preceding, or the life of such exemption, if such be less, together 6 7 with the interest at the same rate and computed in the same way as that 8 upon delinquent property taxes. Where the property has been granted an 9 exemption for more than ten years, taxes and interest shall not be 10 assessed under this section.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section applies only when ownership of the property is transferred or when fifty-one percent or more of the area of the property has lost its exempt status. The additional tax under subsection (1) of this section shall not be imposed if the cessation of use resulted solely from:

16 (a) Transfer to a nonprofit organization, association, or
17 corporation for a use which also qualifies and is granted exemption
18 under the provisions of chapter 84.36 RCW;

(b) A taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain,
or sale or transfer to an entity having the power of eminent domain in
anticipation of the exercise of such power;

(c) Official action by an agency of the state of Washington or by
the county or city within which the property is located which disallows
the present use of such property;

(d) A natural disaster such as a flood, windstorm, earthquake, or other such calamity rather than by virtue of the act of the organization, association, or corporation changing the use of such property;

(e) Relocation of the activity and use of another location or site
except for undeveloped properties of camp facilities exempted under RCW
84.36.030;

32 (f) Cancellation of a lease on property that had been exempt under 33 RCW 84.36.040, 84.36.041, 84.36.043, <u>84.36.046</u>, or 84.36.060((, or 34 84.36.046));

(g) A change in the exempt portion of a home for the aging under RCW 84.36.041(3), as long as some portion of the home remains exempt; (h) The conversion of a full exemption of a home for the aging to a partial exemption or taxable status or the conversion of a partial exemption to taxable status under RCW 84.36.041(8).

1 sec. 27. RCW 84.36.815 and 1994 c 123 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

In order to qualify for exempt status for any real or personal 3 property under this chapter except personal property under RCW 4 84.36.600, all foreign national governments, ((churches,)) cemeteries, 5 nonprofit corporations, organizations, 6 nongovernmental and 7 associations, ((private schools or colleges,)) and soil and water 8 conservation districts shall file an initial application on or before 9 March 31 with the state department of revenue. All applications shall 10 be filed on forms prescribed by the department and shall be signed by 11 an authorized agent of the applicant.

In order to requalify for exempt status, ((such)) all applicants 12 except nonprofit cemeteries shall file an annual renewal declaration on 13 or before March 31 each year. The renewal declaration shall be on 14 15 forms prescribed by the department of revenue and shall contain an affidavit certifying the exempt status of the real or personal property 16 17 owned by the exempt organization. When an organization acquires real property qualified for exemption or converts real property to exempt 18 19 status, such organization shall file an initial application for the 20 property within sixty days following the acquisition or conversion. If the application is filed after the expiration of the sixty-day period 21 22 a late filing penalty shall be imposed pursuant to RCW 84.36.825, as 23 now or hereafter amended.

When organizations acquire real property qualified for exemption or convert real property to an exempt use, the property, upon approval of the application for exemption, is entitled to a property tax exemption for property taxes due and payable the following year. If the owner has paid taxes for the year following the year the property qualified for exemption, the owner is entitled to a refund of the amount paid on the property so acquired or converted.

31 **Sec. 28.** RCW 84.36.825 and 1994 c 123 s 2 are each amended to read 32 as follows:

An application fee of thirty-five dollars for each initial application and eight dollars and seventy-five cents for each annual renewal declaration shall be required and shall be deposited within the general fund. The department of revenue may waive the application or declaration fee related to the property of any church or cemetery applying for exemption under the provisions of RCW 84.36.020 whose

gross receipts related to the use of such property for exempt purposes 1 did not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars during the calendar 2 year preceding the application year. ((Applications made for 3 4 assessment year 1974, if approved, shall be considered initial applications whether or not an exemption has previously been 5 approved.)) A late filing penalty of ten dollars per month for each 6 month an application or declaration is past due shall be required and 7 shall be deposited in the general fund. 8

9 Sec. 29. RCW 84.36.835 and 1973 2nd ex.s. c 40 s 13 are each 10 amended to read as follows:

On or before August 31st, the department of revenue shall prepare a list by county of those properties exempted <u>by the department</u> under ((chapter 40, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess.,)) <u>this chapter</u> and shall forward a list to each county assessor of the property exempt in that county.

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 30. The intent of sections 1 and 3 of this act 17 is to clarify the original intent of sections 5 and 21, chapter 106, 18 Laws of 1997 and shall not be construed otherwise. Therefore, sections 19 1 and 3 of this act apply retroactively to July 27, 1997.

20 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 31.** RCW 84.36.330 and 1969 ex.s. c 124 s 4 are 21 each repealed.

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