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1 AN ACT Relating to income averaging for eligibility for temporary
2 assistance for needy families benefits; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 74.08A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 In the case of applicants for temporary assistance for needy
8 families whose principal source of earned income is employment within
9 the twelve months before application in an industry with the standard
10 industrial classification (SIC) code of 01-09 (agriculture, forestry,
11 or fishing), the department shall determine eligibility and benefit
12 levels by retrospectively considering the applicant's earned income for
13 the twelve-month period immediately preceding the application for
14 assistance. The earned income shall be prorated on an annual basis,
15 and the prorated amount used for eligibility and benefit determination
16 in the prospective month. Assistance shall be denied until the
17 applicant's prorated prior twelve months of income equals a monthly
18 amount at or below the eligibility level. The intent of the
19 legislature is to ensure that persons with recent employment in

1 industries that experience significant seasonal employment fluctuations
2 will be denied assistance until such time as they qualify on a prorated
3 basis.

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