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#### CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5970** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**By** Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Horn, Bauer, Heavey, Franklin and Anderson)

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AN ACT Relating to expanding days of sale while not changing days 1 2 of use of common fireworks and clarifying other provisions of the 3 existing state fireworks law; amending RCW 70.77.160, 70.77.170, 70.77.180, 70.77.236, 70.77.255, 70.77.270, 4 70.77.290, 70.77.325, 70.77.345, 70.77.355, 70.77.360, 70.77.375, 5 70.77.343, 70.77.395, 70.77.420, 70.77.425, 70.77.435, 70.77.440, 70.77.450, and 70.77.555; б 7 reenacting and amending RCW 70.77.250; reenacting RCW 70.77.315 and 70.77.455; adding a new section to chapter 70.77 RCW; repealing 1995 c 8 9 369 s 56; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

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

11 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.77.160 and 1982 c 230 s 6 are each amended to read 12 as follows:

13 "Public display of fireworks" means an entertainment feature where 14 the public is admitted or ((permitted)) allowed to view the display or 15 discharge of special fireworks.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.77.170 and 1995 c 369 s 44 are each amended to read 17 as follows:

1 "License" means a ((nontransferable)) transferable formal 2 authorization which the chief of the Washington state patrol and the 3 director of fire protection are ((permitted)) <u>authorized</u> to issue under 4 this chapter to engage in the act specifically designated therein.

5 Sec. 3. RCW 70.77.180 and 1995 c 61 s 9 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 "Permit" the official ((permission)) transferable means authorization granted by a ((<del>local public agency</del>)) <u>city or county</u> for 8 9 the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place within the jurisdiction of the ((local agency)) city or county where fireworks are 10 manufactured, constructed, produced, packaged, stored, sold, or 11 12 exchanged and the official ((permission)) authorization granted by a ((local agency)) city or county for a public display of fireworks. 13

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.77.236 and 1995 c 61 s 6 are each amended to read 15 as follows:

16 (1) "New fireworks item" means any fireworks initially classified 17 or reclassified as special or common fireworks by the United States 18 bureau of explosives or in the regulations of the United States 19 department of transportation after April 17, 1995.

(2) The ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) 20 chief of the Washington state patrol through the director of fire 21 22 protection shall classify any new fireworks item in the same manner as 23 the item is classified by the United States bureau of explosives or in 24 the regulations of the United States department of transportation, 25 unless the ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol through the director of fire 26 protection determines, stating reasonable grounds, that the item should 27 28 not be so classified.

29 Sec. 5. RCW 70.77.250 and 1995 c 369 s 45 and 1995 c 61 s 12 are 30 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the directorof fire protection, shall enforce and administer this chapter.

(2) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
 of fire protection, shall appoint such deputies and employees as may be
 necessary and required to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(3) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
 of fire protection, ((may prescribe such)) shall adopt those rules
 relating to fireworks as ((may be)) are necessary for the
 implementation of this chapter.

5 (4) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director 6 of fire protection, shall ((prescribe such)) adopt those rules as ((may 7 be)) are necessary to ensure state-wide minimum standards for the 8 enforcement of this chapter. Counties, cities, and towns shall comply 9 with ((such)) these state rules. Any local rules adopted by local 10 authorities that are more restrictive than state law shall have an 11 effective date no sooner than one year after their adoption.

(5) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, may exercise the necessary police powers to enforce the criminal provisions of this chapter. This grant of police powers does not prevent any other state agency or local government agency having general law enforcement powers from enforcing this chapter within the jurisdiction of the agency or local government.

18 Sec. 6. RCW 70.77.255 and 1995 c 61 s 13 are each amended to read 19 as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person,
 without ((an)) appropriate state ((license or permit)) licenses and
 <u>city or county permits as required by this chapter</u> may:

(a) Manufacture, import, possess, or sell any fireworks atwholesale or retail for any use;

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(b) Make a public display of fireworks; ((or))

(c) Transport fireworks, except as a public carrier delivering to
 a licensee; or

(d) Knowingly manufacture, import, transport, store, sell, or
 possess with intent to sell, as fireworks, explosives, as defined under
 RCW 70.74.010, that are not fireworks, as defined under this chapter.

(2) Except as authorized by a license and permit under subsection
 (1)(b) of this section or as provided in RCW 70.77.311, no person may
 discharge special fireworks at any place.

34 (3) No person less than eighteen years of age may apply for or35 receive a license or permit under this chapter.

36 (4) No license or permit is required for the possession or use of37 common fireworks lawfully purchased at retail.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 70.77 RCW
 to read as follows:

3 (1) A violation of RCW 70.77.255(1)(d) is a gross misdemeanor
4 punishable by not less than thirty days in jail and a fine of not less
5 than five thousand dollars.

6 (2) The minimum sentences required under subsection (1) of this 7 section may not be suspended or deferred.

8 **Sec. 8.** RCW 70.77.270 and 1995 c 61 s 14 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

(1) The governing body of a city or county, or a designee, shall 10 grant an application for a permit under RCW 70.77.260(1) if the 11 12 application meets the standards under this chapter, and the applicable ordinances of the city or county. The permit shall be granted by June 13 14 10, or no less than thirty days after receipt of an application whichever date occurs first, for sales commencing on June 28 and on 15 December 27; or by December 10, or no less than thirty days after 16 receipt of an application whichever date occurs first, for sales 17 18 commencing only on December 27.

19 (2) The ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire 20 protection, shall prescribe uniform, state-wide standards for retail 21 fireworks stands including, but not limited to, the location of the 22 23 stands, setback requirements and siting of the stands, types of buildings and construction material that may be used for the stands, 24 25 use of the stands and areas around the stands, cleanup of the area around the stands, transportation of fireworks to and from the stands, 26 27 and temporary storage of fireworks associated with the retail fireworks stands. All cities and counties which allow retail fireworks sales 28 shall comply with these standards. 29

30 (3) No retail fireworks permit may be issued to any applicant unless the retail fireworks stand is covered by a liability insurance 31 policy with coverage of not less than fifty thousand dollars and five 32 hundred thousand dollars for bodily injury liability for each person 33 34 and occurrence, respectively, and not less than fifty thousand dollars for property damage liability for each occurrence, unless such 35 36 insurance is not readily available from at least three approved insurance companies. If insurance in this amount is not offered, each 37 fireworks permit shall be covered by a liability insurance policy in 38

1 the maximum amount offered by at least three different approved 2 insurance companies.

3 No wholesaler may knowingly sell or supply fireworks to any retail 4 fireworks stand unless the wholesaler determines that the retail 5 fireworks stand is covered by liability insurance in the same amount as 6 provided in this subsection.

7 **Sec. 9.** RCW 70.77.290 and 1984 c 249 s 16 are each amended to read 8 as follows:

9 If a permit under RCW 70.77.260(2) for the public display of 10 fireworks is granted, the sale, possession and use of fireworks for the 11 public display is lawful for that purpose only. ((The permit granted 12 is not transferable.))

13 Sec. 10. RCW 70.77.315 and 1995 c 61 s 18 and 1995 c 369 s 47 are 14 each reenacted to read as follows:

Any person who desires to engage in the manufacture, importation, sale, or use of fireworks, except use as provided in RCW 70.77.255(4) and 70.77.311, shall make a written application to the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, on forms provided by him or her. Such application shall be accompanied by the annual license fee as prescribed in this chapter.

21 **Sec. 11.** RCW 70.77.325 and 1994 c 133 s 8 are each amended to read 22 as follows:

(1) An application for a license shall be made annually by every person holding an existing license who wishes to continue the activity requiring the license during an additional ((calendar)) year. The application shall be accompanied by the annual license fees as prescribed in RCW 70.77.343 and 70.77.340.

(2) A person applying for an annual license as a retailer under 28 this chapter shall file an application ((by June 10 of the current 29 year)) no later than May 1 for annual sales commencing on June 28 and 30 31 on December 27, or no later than November 1 for sales commencing only The ((director of community, trade, and economic 32 on December 27. development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the 33 34 director of fire protection, shall grant or deny the license within 35 fifteen days of receipt of the application.

1 (3) A person applying for an annual license as a manufacturer, 2 importer, or wholesaler under this chapter shall file an application by 3 January 31 of the current year. The ((director of community, trade, 4 and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, 5 through the director of fire protection, shall grant or deny the 6 license within ninety days of receipt of the application.

7 **Sec. 12.** RCW 70.77.343 and 1995 c 61 s 19 are each amended to read 8 as follows:

9 (1) License fees, in addition to the fees in RCW 70.77.340, shall 10 be charged as follows:

| 11 | Manufacturer \$                            | 1,500.00 |
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| 12 | Importer                                   | 900.00   |
| 13 | Wholesaler                                 | 1,000.00 |
| 14 | Retailer (for each separate outlet)        | 30.00    |
| 15 | Public display for special fireworks       | 40.00    |
| 16 | Pyrotechnic operator for special fireworks | 5.00     |

17 (2) All receipts from the license fees in this section shall be 18 placed in the fire services trust fund and at least seventy-five percent of these receipts shall be used to fund a state-wide public 19 education campaign developed by the ((department)) chief of the 20 <u>Washington state patrol</u> and the licensed fireworks industry emphasizing 21 the safe and responsible use of legal fireworks and the remaining 22 23 receipts shall be used to fund state-wide enforcement efforts against 24 the sale and use of fireworks that are illegal under this chapter.

25 **Sec. 13.** RCW 70.77.345 and 1995 c 61 s 20 are each amended to read 26 as follows:

Every license <u>and every retail fireworks sales permit</u> issued shall be for the ((<del>calendar year</del>)) <u>period</u> from January 1st ((<del>to December 31st</del> <del>or for</del>)) <u>of the year for which the application is made through January</u> <u>31st of the subsequent year, or</u> the remaining portion thereof ((<del>of the</del> <del>calendar year for which the license application is made</del>)).

32 **Sec. 14.** RCW 70.77.355 and 1994 c 133 s 9 are each amended to read 33 as follows:

(1) Any adult person may secure a general license from the
 ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the

Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, for 1 the public display of fireworks within the state of Washington. 2 Α general license is subject to the provisions of this chapter relative 3 4 to the securing of local permits for the public display of fireworks in any city or county, except that in lieu of filing the bond or 5 certificate of public liability insurance with the appropriate local 6 7 official under RCW 70.77.260 as required in RCW 70.77.285, the same 8 bond or certificate shall be filed with the ((director of community, 9 trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, 10 through the director of fire protection. The bond or certificate of insurance for a general license in addition shall provide that: (a) 11 The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without fifteen days 12 prior written notice to the ((director of community, trade, and 13 economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through 14 15 the director of fire protection; (b) the duly licensed pyrotechnic 16 operator required by law to supervise and discharge the public display, acting either as an employee of the insured or as an independent 17 contractor and the state of Washington, its officers, agents, 18 19 employees, and servants are included as additional insureds, but only 20 insofar as any operations under contract are concerned; and (c) the state is not responsible for any premium or assessments on the policy. 21 22 (2) The ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire 23 24 protection, may issue such general licenses. The holder of a general 25 license shall file a certificate from the ((director of community, 26 trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, evidencing the license with 27 28 any application for a local permit for the public display of fireworks 29 under RCW 70.77.260.

30 **Sec. 15.** RCW 70.77.360 and 1995 c 369 s 49 are each amended to 31 read as follows:

If the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, finds that an application for any license, or any transfer of a license, under this chapter contains a material misrepresentation or that the granting of any license would be contrary to the public safety or welfare, the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, may deny the application for, or the transfer of, the license.

1 Sec. 16. RCW 70.77.375 and 1995 c 61 s 21 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

3 The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of 4 fire protection, upon reasonable opportunity to be heard, may revoke 5 any license issued pursuant to this chapter, if he or she finds that: 6 (1) The licensee has violated any provisions of this chapter or any 7 rule ((or regulations)) made by the chief of the Washington state 8 patrol, through the director of fire protection, under and with the 9 authority of this chapter;

10 (2) The licensee has created or caused a fire nuisance;

11 (3) Any licensee has failed or refused to file any required 12 reports; or

(4) Any fact or condition exists which, if it had existed at the time of the original application for such license, reasonably would have warranted the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, in refusing originally to issue such license.

18 Sec. 17. RCW 70.77.395 and 1995 c 61 s 22 are each amended to read 19 as follows:

20 (1) It is legal to sell((-)) and purchase((-) use, and discharge)) 21 common fireworks within this state from ((twelve)) <u>nine</u> o'clock 22 ((noon)) <u>a.m.</u> on the twenty-eighth of June to twelve o'clock noon on 23 the sixth of July of each year, from nine o'clock a.m. on the twenty-24 <u>seventh of December to eleven o'clock p.m.</u> on the thirty-first of 25 <u>December of each year</u> and as provided in RCW 70.77.311. ((However, 26 no))

(2) Common fireworks may be ((sold)) used or discharged each day 27 between the hours of <u>nine o'clock a.m. and</u> eleven o'clock p.m. ((and 28 29 nine o'clock a.m.)) on the twenty-eighth of June to the sixth of July, 30 ((except)) and on July 4th ((from)) between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. ((through)) and twelve o'clock midnight, and ((except)) from six 31 32 o'clock p.m. on December 31st until one o'clock a.m. on January 1st of the subsequent year and as provided in RCW 70.77.311: PROVIDED, That 33 34 a city or county may prohibit the sale or discharge of common fireworks on December 31, 1995, by enacting an ordinance prohibiting such sale or 35 36 discharge within sixty days of April 17, 1995.

1 **Sec. 18.** RCW 70.77.420 and 1984 c 249 s 26 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 (1) It is unlawful for any person to store fireworks of any class 4 without a permit for such storage from the ((local fire official in the jurisdiction)) city or county in which the storage is to be made. A 5 person proposing to store fireworks shall apply in writing to a ((local 6 7 fire official)) city or county at least ten days prior to the date of 8 the proposed storage. The ((official)) city or county receiving the 9 application for a storage permit shall investigate whether the character and location of the storage as proposed would constitute a 10 11 hazard to property or be dangerous to any person. Based on the investigation, the ((official)) city or county may grant or deny the 12 13 The ((official)) city or county may place reasonable application. conditions on any permit granted. 14

15 (2) For the purposes of this section the temporary storing or 16 keeping of common fireworks when in conjunction with a valid retail 17 sales license and permit shall comply with RCW 70.77.425 and the 18 standards adopted under RCW 70.77.270(2) and not this section.

19 **Sec. 19.** RCW 70.77.425 and 1984 c 249 s 27 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to store ((unsold)) stocks of 21 fireworks remaining unsold after the lawful period of sale as provided 22 23 in the person's permit except in such places of storage as the ((local 24 fire official)) city or county issuing the permit approves. Unsold 25 stocks of common fireworks remaining after the authorized retail sales period from ((twelve)) <u>nine</u> o'clock ((noon)) <u>a.m.</u> on June 28th to 26 twelve o'clock noon on July 6th shall be returned on or before July 27 31st of the same year, or remaining after the authorized retail sales 28 29 period from nine o'clock a.m. on December 27th to eleven o'clock p.m. on December 31st shall be returned on or before January 10th of the 30 subsequent year to the approved storage facilities of a licensed 31 32 fireworks wholesaler, to a magazine or storage place approved by a 33 local fire official.

34 **Sec. 20.** RCW 70.77.435 and 1995 c 61 s 23 are each amended to read 35 as follows:

Any fireworks which are illegally sold, offered for sale, used, discharged, possessed or transported in violation of the provisions of

this chapter or the rules or regulations of the ((director of 1 community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington 2 3 state patrol, through the director of fire protection, shall be subject 4 to seizure by the ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the 5 director of fire protection, or his or her deputy, or by state agencies 6 7 or local governments having general law enforcement authority. Any 8 fireworks seized by legal process anywhere in the state may be disposed 9 of by the ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire 10 protection, or the agency conducting the seizure, by 11 summary destruction at any time subsequent to thirty days from such seizure or 12 13 ten days from the final termination of proceedings under the provisions of RCW 70.77.440, whichever is later. 14

15 Sec. 21. RCW 70.77.440 and 1995 c 61 s 24 are each amended to read 16 as follows:

(1) In the event of seizure under RCW 70.77.435, proceedings for 17 18 forfeiture shall be deemed commenced by the seizure. The ((director of 19 community, trade, and economic development or deputy director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington 20 state patrol or a designee, through the director of fire protection or 21 the agency conducting the seizure, under whose authority the seizure 22 23 was made shall cause notice to be served within fifteen days following 24 the seizure on the owner of the fireworks seized and the person in 25 charge thereof and any person having any known right or interest therein, of the seizure and intended forfeiture of the seized property. 26 27 The notice may be served by any method authorized by law or court rule including but not limited to service by certified mail with return 28 29 receipt requested. Service by mail shall be deemed complete upon mailing within the fifteen-day period following the seizure. 30

(2) If no person notifies the ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection or the agency conducting the seizure, in writing of the person's claim of lawful ownership or right to lawful possession of seized fireworks within thirty days of the seizure, the seized fireworks shall be deemed forfeited.

(3) If any person notifies the ((director of community, trade, and
 economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through

the director of fire protection or the agency conducting the seizure, 1 2 in writing of the person's claim of lawful ownership or possession of the fireworks within thirty days of the seizure, the person or persons 3 4 shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard as to the claim 5 or right. The hearing shall be before an administrative law judge appointed under chapter 34.12 RCW, except that any person asserting a 6 7 claim or right may remove the matter to a court of competent 8 jurisdiction if the aggregate value of the seized fireworks is more 9 than five hundred dollars. The hearing before an administrative law judge and any appeal therefrom shall be under Title 34 RCW. In a court 10 hearing between two or more claimants to the article or articles 11 involved, the prevailing party shall be entitled to a judgment for 12 costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. The burden of producing evidence 13 shall be upon the person claiming to have the lawful right to 14 15 possession of the seized fireworks. The ((director of community, 16 trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, 17 through the director of fire protection or the agency conducting the seizure, shall promptly return the fireworks to the claimant upon a 18 19 determination by the administrative law judge or court that the 20 claimant is lawfully entitled to possession of the fireworks.

(4) When fireworks are forfeited under this chapter the ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection or the agency conducting the seizure, may:

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(a) Dispose of the fireworks by summary destruction; or

26 (b) Sell the forfeited fireworks and chemicals used to make 27 fireworks, that are legal for use and possession under this chapter, to 28 wholesalers or manufacturers, authorized to possess and use such 29 fireworks or chemicals under a license issued by the ((director of 30 community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington 31 state patrol, through the director of fire protection. Sale shall be by public auction after publishing a notice of the date, place, and 32 time of the auction in a newspaper of general circulation in the county 33 34 in which the auction is to be held, at least three days before the date 35 of the auction. The proceeds of the sale of the seized fireworks under this section may be retained by the agency conducting the seizure and 36 37 used to offset the costs of seizure and/or storage costs of the seized 38 fireworks. The remaining proceeds, if any, shall be deposited in the

fire services trust fund and shall be used for the same purposes and in
 the same percentages as specified in RCW 70.77.343.

3 **Sec. 22.** RCW 70.77.450 and 1994 c 133 s 13 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

The ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) 5 chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire 6 7 protection, may make an examination of the books and records of any licensee, or other person relative to fireworks, and may visit and 8 9 inspect the premises of any licensee he may deem at any time necessary 10 for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter. The 11 licensee, owner, lessee, manager, or operator of any such building or 12 premises shall permit the ((director of community, trade, and economic development)) chief of the Washington state patrol, through the 13 director of fire protection, his or her deputies or 14 salaried 15 assistants, the local fire official, and their authorized representatives to enter and inspect the premises at the time and for 16 the purpose stated in this section. 17

18 Sec. 23. RCW 70.77.455 and 1995 c 61 s 25 and 1995 c 369 s 54 are 19 each reenacted to read as follows:

(1) All licensees shall maintain and make available to the chief of
the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection,
full and complete records showing all production, imports, exports,
purchases, and sales of fireworks items by class.

(2) All records obtained and all reports produced, as required by
 this chapter, are not subject to disclosure through the public
 disclosure act under chapter 42.17 RCW.

27 **Sec. 24.** RCW 70.77.555 and 1995 c 61 s 26 are each amended to read 28 as follows:

29 (1) A ((local public)) city or county agency may provide by 30 ordinance for a fee for retail sales in an amount sufficient to cover 31 all legitimate costs for all needed permits and local licenses from 32 application to and through processing, issuance, and inspection, but in 33 no case to exceed a total of one hundred dollars for any one year for 34 initial permitting and a maximum of ten dollars for any one year for 35 any change in permit holder or location of the retail fireworks stand.

Even though business, environmental impact, inspection, and all 1 other required costs, fees, local licenses, and permits are not 2 directly related to fireworks permits, fees, costs, and local licenses 3 4 on their face; when these fees, costs, local licenses, and permits are necessary to the use and operation of the fireworks permits and local 5 licenses such as, but not limited to, business, environmental impact, 6 and inspection; they are included as part and parcel of the annual 7 maximum fees, under subsection (1) of this section, that cover costs 8 9 for the fireworks permits and local licenses.

(2) A city or county may provide by ordinance for a fee for public
 display permits as required by RCW 70.77.255(1)(b) not to exceed one
 hundred dollars for any one permit.

13 (3) Any special event fees required by a city or county in 14 connection with a fireworks display that requires traffic or crowd 15 control in a public place shall not be subject to the limitation 16 provided in subsection (2) of this section.

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 25. 1995 c 369 s 56 is repealed.

18 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 26. If any provision of this act or its 19 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the 20 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other 21 persons or circumstances is not affected.

22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 27. 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 takes effect 25 immediately.

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