

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1588

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HEARING INSTRUMENTS--SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 17, 1997
Yeas 46 Nays 1

IRV NEWHOUSE
President of the Senate

Approved April 26, 1997

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1588** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Mulliken, Dickerson, Kastama, Thompson, Boldt, Clements, Romero, Mason, Conway, Blalock, Hatfield, Scott, O'Brien, Costa, Ogden, Dunn, Kessler, Kenney and Cooper

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1 AN ACT Relating to tax exemptions for hearing instruments; amending
2 RCW 82.08.0283 and 82.12.0277; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.08.0283 and 1996 c 162 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of
7 insulin; prosthetic ~~((and))~~ devices; orthotic devices prescribed for an
8 individual by a person licensed under chapters 18.25, 18.57, or 18.71
9 RCW ~~((or))~~; hearing instruments dispensed or fitted by a person
10 licensed or certified under chapter 18.35 RCW; medicines of mineral,
11 animal, and botanical origin prescribed, administered, dispensed, or
12 used in the treatment of an individual by a person licensed under
13 chapter 18.36A RCW; ostomic items; and medically prescribed oxygen(
14 ~~For the purposes of this section, "medically prescribed oxygen"~~
15 ~~includes, but is not limited to, sale or rental of~~), including, but
16 not limited to, oxygen concentrator systems, oxygen enricher systems,
17 liquid oxygen systems, and gaseous, bottled oxygen systems ~~((to))~~
18 prescribed for an individual ~~((under a prescription issued))~~ by a
19 person licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW for use in the medical

1 treatment of that individual. In addition, the tax levied by RCW
2 82.08.020 shall not apply to charges made for labor and services
3 rendered in respect to the repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving
4 of hearing instruments exempted under this section.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.12.0277 and 1996 c 162 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to the
8 use of insulin; prosthetic ((and)) devices; orthotic devices prescribed
9 for an individual by a person licensed under chapters 18.25, 18.57, or
10 18.71 RCW ((or)); hearing instruments dispensed or fitted by a person
11 licensed or certified under chapter 18.35 RCW; medicines of mineral,
12 animal, and botanical origin prescribed, administered, dispensed, or
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18 liquid oxygen systems, and gaseous, bottled oxygen systems ((to))
19 prescribed for an individual ((~~under a prescription issued~~)) by a
20 person licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW for use in the medical
21 treatment of that individual.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect October 1, 1998.

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