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By Senators Franklin, Kastama, Long, Regala and Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to public psychiatric facilities; and amending RCW
2 71.12.455 and 71.12.460.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.12.455 and 2000 c 93 s 21 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 As used in this chapter, "establishment" and "institution" mean and
7 include every private hospital, sanitarium, home, or other place
8 receiving or caring for any mentally ill, mentally incompetent person,
9 or chemically dependent person or any like facility not otherwise
10 established by statute and operated by a public entity.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.12.460 and 2000 c 93 s 22 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 No person, association, public entity, or corporation, shall
14 establish or keep, for compensation or hire, an establishment as
15 defined in this chapter without first having obtained a license
16 therefor from the department of health, complied with rules adopted
17 under this chapter, and paid the license fee provided in this chapter.
18 Any person who carries on, conducts, or attempts to carry on or conduct

1 an establishment as defined in this chapter without first having
2 obtained a license from the department of health, as in this chapter
3 provided, is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be
4 punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or
5 by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and
6 imprisonment. The managing and executive officers of any corporation
7 violating the provisions of this chapter shall be liable under the
8 provisions of this chapter in the same manner and to the same effect as
9 a private individual violating the same.

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