

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5392

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EMANCIPATION OF MINORS

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BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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

Approved May 7, 2001

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5392** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Long, Constantine and Kline; by request of Administrator
for the Courts

Read first time 01/22/2001. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT Relating to emancipation of minors; and amending RCW
2 13.64.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.64.040 and 1993 c 294 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The hearing on the petition shall be before a ((judge))
7 judicial officer, sitting without a jury. Prior to the presentation of
8 proof the ((judge)) judicial officer shall determine whether: ((+1))

9 (a) The petitioning minor understands the consequences of the petition
10 regarding his or her legal rights and responsibilities; ((+2)) (b) a
11 guardian ad litem should be appointed to investigate the allegations of
12 the petition and file a report with the court.

13 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "judicial officer"
14 means: (a) A judge; (b) a superior court commissioner of a unified
15 family court if the county operates a unified family court; or (c) any
16 superior court commissioner if the county does not operate a unified
17 family court. The term does not include a judge pro tempore.

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