AN ACT Relating to negotiating state patrol officer wages and wage-related matters; amending RCW 41.56.473; and providing an effective date.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 41.56.473 and 1999 c 217 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In addition to the entities listed in RCW 41.56.020, this chapter applies to the state state patrol appointed under RCW 43.43.020, except that the state is prohibited from negotiating any matters relating to retirement benefits or health care benefits or other employee insurance benefits.

(2) For the purposes of negotiating:

(a) Wages and wage-related matters, the state shall be represented by the governor or the governor's designee who is appointed under chapter 41.80 RCW; and
(b) Nonwage related matters, the state shall be represented by the Washington state patrol.

(3) The negotiation of provisions pertaining to wages and wage-related matters in a collective bargaining agreement between the (Washington) state ((patrol)) and the Washington state patrol officers is subject to the following:

(a) The state's bargaining representative must periodically consult with a subcommittee of the joint committee on employment relations created in RCW 41.80.010(5) which shall consist of the four members appointed to the joint committee with leadership positions in the senate and the house of representatives, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate highways and transportation committee and the house transportation committee, or their successor committees. The subcommittee must be consulted regarding the appropriations necessary to implement these provisions in a collective bargaining agreement and, on completion of negotiations, must be advised on the elements of these provisions.

(b) Provisions that are entered into before the legislature approves the funds necessary to implement the provisions must be conditioned upon the legislature's subsequent approval of the funds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2004.