

**Chapter 72.49 RCW**  
**NARCOTIC OR DANGEROUS DRUGS—TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION**

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**RCW 72.49.010 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide additional programs for the treatment and rehabilitation of persons suffering from narcotic and dangerous drug abuse. [1969 ex.s. c 123 § 1.]

**Effective date—1969 ex.s. c 123:** "The effective date of this act shall be July 1, 1969." [1969 ex.s. c 123 § 3.]

**RCW 72.49.020 Treatment and rehabilitation programs authorized—Rules and regulations.** There may be established at an institution, or portion thereof, to be designated by the secretary of the department of social and health services, programs for treatment and rehabilitation of persons in need of medical care and treatment due to narcotic abuse or dangerous drug abuse. Such programs may include facilities for both residential and outpatient treatment. The secretary of the department of social and health services shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the voluntary admission, treatment, and release of such patients, and all other matters incident to the proper administration of this section. [1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 103 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 123 § 2.]

**Effective date—1969 ex. s. c 123:** See note following RCW 72.49.010.