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#### CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5275** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hargrove, Hill, Sheldon, and Hewitt)

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AN ACT Relating to tax code improvements that do not affect state revenue collections; amending RCW 84.41.030, 84.41.041, 84.48.034, 46.71.090, 82.08.900, 82.04.627, 82.04.750, 82.08.9995, 82.12.9995, 82.08.0262, 82.12.0254, 82.24.550, 82.26.220, 82.32.020, 82.32.070, 82.32.080, 84.36.041, 84.38.030, 84.39.010, 84.64.060, 84.64.070, and 82.32.740; and repealing RCW 82.04.395, 82.04.397, 82.04.4333, 82.04.4485, 82.08.0265, 82.14.220, and 82.24.235.

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

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#### Part I

# Eliminating obsolete and redundant statutory provisions

11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 101. The following acts or parts of acts are 12 each repealed:

(1) RCW 82.04.395 (Exemptions—Certain materials printed in school district and educational service district printing facilities) and 15 1979 ex.s. c 196 s 12;

16 (2) RCW 82.04.397 (Exemptions—Certain materials printed in 17 county, city, or town printing facilities) and 1979 ex.s. c 196 s 14;

18 (3) RCW 82.04.4333 (Credit—Job training services—Approval) and 19 1996 c 1 s 4;

(4) RCW 82.04.4485 (Credit—Mechanical lifting devices purchased
 by hospitals) and 2006 c 165 s 5;

3 (5) RCW 82.08.0265 (Exemptions—Sales to nonresidents of tangible 4 personal property which becomes a component of property of the 5 nonresident by installing, repairing, etc.—Labor and services for 6 installing, repairing, etc.) and 1980 c 37 s 32;

7 (6) RCW 82.14.220 (Figures for apportionments and distributions
8 under RCW 82.14.200 and 82.14.210) and 1984 c 225 s 4; and

(7) RCW 82.24.235 (Rules) and 1995 c 278 s 15.

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10 **Sec. 102.** RCW 84.41.030 and 2009 c 308 s 1 are each amended to 11 read as follows:

(1) Each county assessor ((shall)) must maintain an active and 12 13 systematic program of revaluation on a continuous basis((, and shall 14 establish a revaluation schedule which will result in revaluation of all taxable real property within the county at least once each four 15 years and physical inspection of all taxable real property within the 16 17 county at least once each six years)). All taxable real property 18 within a county must be revalued annually, and all taxable real property within a county must be physically inspected at least once 19 20 every six years. Each county assessor may disregard any program of revaluation, if requested by a property owner, and change, 21 as appropriate, the valuation of real property upon the receipt of a 22 23 notice of decision received under RCW 36.70B.130 or chapter 35.22, 35.63, 35A.63, or 36.70 RCW pertaining to the value of the real 24 25 property.

(2) ((Not later than January 1, 2014, all taxable real property 26 within a county must be revalued annually and all taxable real 27 property within a county must be physically inspected at least once 28 29 each six years. This mandate is conditional upon the department of revenue providing the necessary guidance and financial assistance to 30 31 those counties that are not on an annual revaluation cycle so that they may convert to an annual revaluation cycle including, but not 32 33 limited to, appropriate data collection methods and coding, neighborhood and market delineation, statistical analysis, valuation 34 35 quidelines, and training.)) The department will provide advisory 36 appraisals of industrial properties valued at twenty-five million 37 dollars or more in real and personal property value when requested by 38 the county assessor.

1 (((3) In recognition of the need for immediate action, the department of revenue is directed to conduct a pilot project on at 2 least one county that is prepared to move from cyclical to annual 3 revaluation by December 31, 2009. The pilot project will develop the 4 expertise necessary to provide counties with neighborhood and market 5 б delineation, statistical analysis, valuation guidelines, and training. The department of revenue must use the expertise gained in 7 this pilot project to facilitate the conversion of cyclical counties 8 to annual revaluation and ongoing refinement of assessment processes 9 10 statewide. The department may contract with a local government 11 association representing county assessors and other county elected 12 officials in carrying out the requirements of this subsection.))

13 **Sec. 103.** RCW 84.41.041 and 2009 c 308 s 2 are each amended to 14 read as follows:

15 (1) Each county assessor ((shall)) <u>must</u> cause taxable real 16 property to be physically inspected and valued at least once every six years in accordance with RCW 84.41.030, and in accordance with a 17 18 plan filed with and approved by the department of revenue. Such revaluation plan ((shall)) must provide that ((a reasonable portion 19 of)) all taxable real property within a county ((shall)) must be 20 21 revalued and these newly determined values placed on the assessment 22 rolls each year. ((Until January 1, 2014, the department may approve a plan that provides that all property in the county be revalued 23 24 every two years. If the revaluation plan provides for physical 25 inspection at least once each four years, )) Property must be valued at one hundred percent of its true and fair value and assessed on the 26 same basis, in accordance with RCW 84.40.030, unless specifically 27 provided otherwise by law. During the intervals between each physical 28 29 inspection of real property, the valuation of such property may be 30 adjusted to its current true and fair value, such adjustments to be 31 based upon appropriate statistical data. If the revaluation plan provides for physical inspection less frequently than once each four 32 years, during the intervals between each physical inspection of real 33 property, the valuation of such property ((shall)) must be adjusted 34 to its current true and fair value, such adjustments to be made once 35 each year and to be based upon appropriate statistical data. 36

37 (2) The assessor may require property owners to submit pertinent 38 data respecting taxable property in their control including data 39 respecting any sale or purchase of said property within the past five

years, the cost and characteristics of any improvement on the
 property and other facts necessary for appraisal of the property.

3 **sec. 104.** RCW 84.48.034 and 1994 c 301 s 47 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 The board of equalization may enter an order that has effect up 6 to the end of the assessment ((cycle used by the assessor)) year, if 7 there has been no intervening change in the value during that time.

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# Part II Promoting administrative efficiencies

10 **Sec. 201.** RCW 46.71.090 and 1993 c 424 s 13 are each amended to 11 read as follows:

When the department of revenue issues a registration certificate 12 13 under RCW 82.32.030 to an automotive repair facility, it ((shall)) 14 must give written notice to the person of the requirements of this 15 chapter in a manner prescribed by the director of revenue, including by electronic means. The department of revenue ((shall thereafter 16 17 give the notice on an annual basis in conjunction with the business 18 and occupation tax return provided to each person holding a 19 registration certificate as an automotive repair facility)) must also post information about the requirements of this chapter on its public 20 21 web site.

22 **Sec. 202.** RCW 82.08.900 and 2006 c 151 s 4 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

(1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales to an eligible person establishing or operating an anaerobic digester or to services rendered in respect to installing, constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving an anaerobic digester, or to sales of tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component of the anaerobic digester. The anaerobic digester must be used primarily to treat livestock manure.

31 (2)(((a) The department of revenue must provide an exemption 32 certificate to an eligible person upon application by that person. 33 The application must be in a form and manner prescribed by the 34 department and must contain information regarding the location of the 35 facility and other information as the department may require. (b)) A person claiming an exemption under this section must keep records necessary for the department to verify eligibility under this section. ((The exemption is available only when)) Sellers may make tax exempt sales under this section only if the buyer provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The seller must retain a copy of the certificate for the seller's files.

8 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section and 9 RCW 82.12.900 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 (a) "Anaerobic digester" means a facility that processes manure 11 from livestock into biogas and dried manure using microorganisms in a 12 decomposition process within a closed, oxygen-free container.

(b) "Eligible person" means any person establishing or operatingan anaerobic digester to treat primarily livestock manure.

15 (c) "Primarily" means more than fifty percent measured by volume 16 or weight.

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## Part III

# Providing greater clarity and consistency

19 Sec. 301. RCW 82.04.627 and 2008 c 81 s 15 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, for purposes of the taxes imposed under this chapter on the sale of parts to the manufacturer of a commercial airplane, the sale is deemed to take place at the site of the final testing or inspection ((as required by:

26 (a) An approved production inspection system)) under federal 27 aviation regulation part 21, subpart F((<del>; or</del>

28 (b) A quality control system for which a production certificate 29 has been issued under federal aviation regulation part 21, subpart)) 30 or G.

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(2) This section does not apply to:

32 (a) Sales of ((the types of parts listed in federal aviation 33 regulation part 21, section 303(b)(2) through (4) or parts for which 34 certification or approval under federal aviation regulation part 21 35 is not required; or

36 (b) Sales of parts in respect to which final testing or 37 inspection as required by the approved production inspection system 38 or quality control system)) a standard part, such as a nut or bolt, 1 manufactured in compliance with a government or established industry

2 specification;

3 (b) Sales of a product produced under a technical standard order
4 authorization or letter of technical standard order design approval
5 pursuant to federal aviation regulation part 21, subpart 0; or

6 (c) Sales of parts in respect to which final testing or
 7 inspection under federal aviation regulation part 21, subpart F or G
 8 takes place in this state.

9 (3) "Commercial airplane" has the same meaning given in RCW 10 82.32.550.

11 **Sec. 302.** RCW 82.04.750 and 2011 c 55 s 1 are each amended to 12 read as follows:

(1) This chapter does not apply ((to restaurants)) in respect to meals provided <u>by a restaurant</u> without specific charge to <u>its</u> employees.

16 (2) For the purposes of this section, the definitions in RCW 17 82.08.9995 apply.

18 Sec. 303. RCW 82.08.9995 and 2011 c 55 s 2 are each amended to 19 read as follows:

(1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to a meal provided without specific charge ((to an employee)) by a restaurant to its employees.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the following definitionsapply unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(a) "Meal" means one or more items of prepared food or beverages other than alcoholic beverages. For the purposes of this subsection, "alcoholic beverage" and "prepared food" have the same meanings as provided in RCW 82.08.0293.

29 (b) "Restaurant" means any establishment having special space and 30 accommodation where food and beverages are regularly sold to the public for immediate, but not necessarily on-site, consumption, but 31 excluding grocery stores, mini-markets, and convenience stores. 32 Restaurant includes, but is not limited to, lunch counters, diners, 33 34 coffee shops, espresso shops or bars, concession stands or counters, delicatessens, and cafeterias. It also 35 includes space and accommodations where food and beverages are sold to the public for 36 37 immediate consumption that are located within hotels, motels, lodges, boarding houses, bed and breakfast facilities, hospitals, office 38

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1 buildings, movie theaters, and schools, colleges, or universities, if a separate charge is made for such food or beverages. Mobile sales 2 units that sell food or beverages for immediate consumption within a 3 place, the entrance to which is subject to an admission charge, are 4 "restaurants." So too are public and private carriers, such as trains 5 б and vessels, that sell food or beverages for immediate consumption if 7 a separate charge for the food and/or beverages is made. A restaurant is open to the public for purposes of this section if members of the 8 public can be served as guests. "Restaurant" does not include 9 businesses making sales through vending machines or through mobile 10 11 sales units such as catering trucks or sidewalk vendors of food or 12 beverage items.

13 **Sec. 304.** RCW 82.12.9995 and 2011 c 55 s 3 are each amended to 14 read as follows:

(1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to a meal provided without specific charge ((to an employee)) by a restaurant to its employees.

18 (2) For the purposes of this section, the definitions in RCW19 82.08.9995 apply.

20 **Sec. 305.** RCW 82.08.0262 and 2009 c 503 s 1 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

22 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to:

(a) Sales of airplanes (i) to the United States government; (ii)
for use in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting
property or persons for hire or by performing services under a
contract with the United States government; or (iii) for use in
providing intrastate air transportation by a commuter air carrier;

(b) Sales of locomotives, railroad cars, or watercraft for use in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting ((therein or therewith)) property ((and)) or persons for hire or for use in conducting commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters of the state;

(c) Sales of tangible personal property that becomes a component 33 part of such airplanes, locomotives, railroad cars, or watercraft, 34 and of motor vehicles or trailers whether owned by or leased with or 35 36 without drivers and used by the holder of a carrier permit issued by interstate commerce commission or 37 the its successor agency authorizing transportation by motor vehicle across the boundaries of 38

this state, in the course of constructing, repairing, cleaning,
 altering, or improving the same; and

3 (d) Sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in
4 respect to such constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or
5 improving.

6 (2) The term "commuter air carrier" means an air carrier holding 7 authority under Title 14, Part 298 of the code of federal regulations 8 that carries passengers on at least five round trips per week on at 9 least one route between two or more points according to its published 10 flight schedules that specify the times, days of the week, and places 11 between which those flights are performed.

12 **Sec. 306.** RCW 82.12.0254 and 2010 c 161 s 905 are each amended 13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the 15 use of:

16 (a) Any airplane used primarily in (i) conducting interstate or 17 foreign commerce <u>by transporting property or persons for hire or by</u> 18 <u>performing services under a contract with the United States</u> 19 <u>government</u> or (ii) providing intrastate air transportation by a 20 commuter air carrier as defined in RCW 82.08.0262;

(b) Any locomotive, railroad car, or watercraft used primarily in conducting interstate or foreign commerce by transporting ((therein or therewith)) property ((and)) or persons for hire or used primarily in commercial deep sea fishing operations outside the territorial waters of the state;

(c) Tangible personal property that becomes a component part of
 any such airplane, locomotive, railroad car, or watercraft in the
 course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving the same; and

(d) Labor and services rendered in respect to such repairing,cleaning, altering, or improving.

(2) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the 31 use by a nonresident of this state of any vehicle used exclusively in 32 transporting persons or property across the boundaries of this state 33 and in intrastate operations incidental thereto when such vehicle is 34 35 registered in a foreign state and in respect to the use by a nonresident of this state of any vehicle so registered and used 36 within this state for a period not exceeding fifteen consecutive days 37 under such rules as the department must adopt. However, under 38 circumstances determined to be justifiable by the department a second 39

1 fifteen day period may be authorized consecutive with the first fifteen day period; and for the purposes of this exemption the term 2 "nonresident" as used herein includes a user who has one or more 3 places of business in this state as well as in one or more other 4 states, but the exemption for nonresidents applies only to those 5 6 vehicles which are most frequently dispatched, garaged, serviced, 7 maintained, and operated from the user's place of business in another 8 state.

9 (3) The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the interstate 10 11 commerce commission or its successor agency of any vehicle whether 12 owned by or leased with or without driver to the permit holder and used in substantial part in the normal and ordinary course of the 13 14 user's business for transporting therein persons or property for hire across the boundaries of this state; and in respect to the use of any 15 16 vehicle while being operated under the authority of a trip permit 17 issued by the director of licensing pursuant to RCW 46.16A.320 and 18 moving upon the highways from the point of delivery in this state to a point outside this state; and in respect to the use of tangible 19 personal property which becomes a component part of any vehicle used 20 21 by the holder of a carrier permit issued by the interstate commerce commission or its successor agency authorizing transportation by 22 motor vehicle across the boundaries of this state whether such 23 vehicle is owned by or leased with or without driver to the permit 24 25 holder, in the course of repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving 26 the same; also the use of labor and services rendered in respect to such repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving. 27

28 **Sec. 307.** RCW 82.24.550 and 2009 c 154 s 2 are each amended to 29 read as follows:

30 (1) The board ((shall)) <u>must</u> enforce the provisions of this
31 chapter. The board may adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary to
32 enforce ((and administer)) the provisions of this chapter.

33 (2) The department may adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary 34 to administer the provisions of this chapter. The board may revoke or 35 suspend the license or permit of any wholesale or retail cigarette 36 dealer in the state upon sufficient cause appearing of the violation 37 of this chapter or upon the failure of such licensee to comply with 38 any of the provisions of this chapter.

1 (3) A license ((shall)) may not be suspended or revoked except upon notice to the licensee and after a hearing as prescribed by the 2 board. The board, upon finding that the licensee has failed to comply 3 with any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this 4 chapter, ((shall)) must, in the case of the first offense, suspend 5 6 the license or licenses of the licensee for a period of not less than 7 thirty consecutive business days, and, in the case of a second or further offense, ((shall)) must suspend the license or licenses for a 8 period of not less than ninety consecutive business days nor more 9 than twelve months, and, in the event the board finds the licensee 10 11 has been guilty of willful and persistent violations, it may revoke 12 the license or licenses.

13 (4) Any licenses issued under chapter 82.26 RCW to a person whose 14 license or licenses have been suspended or revoked under this section 15 ((shall)) <u>must</u> also be suspended or revoked during the period of 16 suspension or revocation under this section.

17 (5) Any person whose license or licenses have been revoked under 18 this section may reapply to the board at the expiration of one year 19 from the date of revocation of the license or licenses. The license 20 or licenses may be approved by the board if it appears to the 21 satisfaction of the board that the licensee will comply with the 22 provisions of this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter.

(6) A person whose license has been suspended or revoked ((shall)) may not sell cigarettes or tobacco products or permit cigarettes or tobacco products to be sold during the period of such suspension or revocation on the premises occupied by the person or upon other premises controlled by the person or others or in any other manner or form whatever.

(7) Any determination and order by the board, and any order of 29 suspension or revocation by the board of the license or licenses 30 31 issued under this chapter, or refusal to reinstate a license or licenses after revocation ((shall be)) is reviewable by an appeal to 32 the superior court of Thurston county. The superior court ((shall)) 33 must review the order or ruling of the board and may hear the matter 34 de novo, having due regard to the provisions of this chapter and the 35 36 duties imposed upon the board.

(8) If the board makes an initial decision to deny a license or
 renewal, or suspend or revoke a license, the applicant may request a
 hearing subject to the applicable provisions under Title 34 RCW.

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1 (9) For purposes of this section, "tobacco products" has the same 2 meaning as in RCW 82.26.010.

3 **Sec. 308.** RCW 82.26.220 and 2009 c 154 s 8 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) The board ((shall)) <u>must</u> enforce this chapter. The board may 6 adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary to enforce ((and 7 administer)) this chapter.

8 (2) The department may adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary 9 to administer this chapter. The board may revoke or suspend the 10 distributor's or retailer's license of any distributor or retailer of 11 tobacco products in the state upon sufficient cause showing a 12 violation of this chapter or upon the failure of the licensee to 13 comply with any of the rules adopted under it.

(3) A license ((shall)) may not be suspended or revoked except 14 15 upon notice to the licensee and after a hearing as prescribed by the 16 board. The board, upon finding that the licensee has failed to comply with any provision of this chapter or of any rule adopted under it, 17 ((shall)) must, in the case of the first offense, suspend the license 18 or licenses of the licensee for a period of not less than thirty 19 20 consecutive business days, and in the case of a second or further offense, suspend the license or licenses for a period of not less 21 than ninety consecutive business days but not more than twelve 22 months, and in the event the board finds the licensee has been guilty 23 24 of willful and persistent violations, it may revoke the license or 25 licenses.

(4) Any licenses issued under chapter 82.24 RCW to a person whose license or licenses have been suspended or revoked under this section ((shall)) <u>must</u> also be suspended or revoked during the period of suspension or revocation under this section.

30 (5) Any person whose license or licenses have been revoked under 31 this section may reapply to the board at the expiration of one year 32 of the license or licenses. The license or licenses may be approved 33 by the board if it appears to the satisfaction of the board that the 34 licensee will comply with the provisions of this chapter and the 35 rules adopted under it.

36 (6) A person whose license has been suspended or revoked 37 ((shall)) may not sell tobacco products or cigarettes or permit 38 tobacco products or cigarettes to be sold during the period of 39 suspension or revocation on the premises occupied by the person or

upon other premises controlled by the person or others or in any
 other manner or form.

(7) Any determination and order by the board, and any order of 3 suspension or revocation by the board of the license or licenses 4 issued under this chapter, or refusal to reinstate a license or 5 б licenses after revocation is reviewable by an appeal to the superior 7 court of Thurston county. The superior court ((shall)) must review the order or ruling of the board and may hear the matter de novo, 8 having due regard to the provisions of this chapter and the duties 9 imposed upon the board. 10

(8) If the board makes an initial decision to deny a license or renewal, or suspend or revoke a license, the applicant may request a hearing subject to the applicable provisions under Title 34 RCW.

14 **Sec. 309.** RCW 82.32.020 and 2009 c 535 s 1111 are each amended 15 to read as follows:

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For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) The meaning attributed in chapters 82.01 through 82.27 RCW to the words and phrases "tax year," "taxable year," "person," "company," "gross proceeds of sales," "gross income of the business," "business," "engaging in business," "successor," "gross operating revenue," "gross income," "taxpayer," "retail sale," "seller," "buyer," "purchaser," "extended warranty," and "value of products" ((shall)) apply equally to the provisions of this chapter.

(2) <u>Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the term "tax"</u>
<u>includes any monetary exaction, regardless of its label, that the</u>
<u>department is responsible for collecting, but not including interest,</u>
<u>penalties, the surcharge imposed in RCW 40.14.027, or fees incurred</u>
<u>by the department and recouped from taxpayers.</u>

(3) Whenever "property" or "personal property" is used, those 29 30 terms must be construed to include digital goods and digital codes unless: (a) It is clear from the context that the term "personal 31 property" is intended only to refer to tangible personal property; 32 (b) it is clear from the context that the term "property" is intended 33 only to refer to tangible personal property, real property, or both; 34 35 or (c) to construe the term "property" or "personal property" as including digital goods and digital codes would yield unlikely, 36 absurd, or strained consequences. 37

38 (((3))) (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout 39 this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. 1 (a) "Agreement" means the streamlined sales and use tax
2 agreement.

(b) "Associate member" means a petitioning state that is found to 3 be in compliance with the agreement and changes to its laws, rules, 4 or other authorities necessary to bring it into compliance are not in 5 6 effect, but are scheduled to take effect on or before January 1, 7 2008. The petitioning states, by majority vote, may also grant associate member status to a petitioning state that does not receive 8 an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the petitioning states upon a 9 finding that the state has achieved substantial compliance with the 10 11 terms of the agreement as a whole, but not necessarily each required 12 provision, measured qualitatively, and there is a reasonable 13 expectation that the state will achieve compliance by January 1, 14 2008.

15 (c) "Certified automated system" means software certified under 16 the agreement to calculate the tax imposed by each jurisdiction on a 17 transaction, determine the amount of tax to remit to the appropriate 18 state, and maintain a record of the transaction.

(d) "Certified service provider" means an agent certified under the agreement to perform all of the seller's sales and use tax functions, other than the seller's obligation to remit tax on its own purchases.

23 (e)(i) "Member state" means a state that:

(A) Has petitioned for membership in the agreement and submitteda certificate of compliance; and

(B) Before the effective date of the agreement, has been found to
be in compliance with the requirements of the agreement by an
affirmative vote of three-fourths of the other petitioning states; or

(C) After the effective date of the agreement, has been found to be in compliance with the agreement by a three-fourths vote of the entire governing board of the agreement.

(ii) Membership by reason of (e)(i)(A) and (B) of this subsection 32 is effective on the first day of a calendar quarter at least sixty 33 days after at least ten states comprising at least twenty percent of 34 35 the total population, as determined by the 2000 federal census, of 36 all states imposing a state sales tax have petitioned for membership and have either been found in compliance with the agreement or have 37 38 been found to be an associate member under section 704 of the 39 agreement.

1 (iii) Membership by reason of (e)(i)(A) and (C) of this 2 subsection is effective on the state's proposed date of entry or the 3 first day of the calendar quarter after its petition is approved by 4 the governing board, whichever is later, and is at least sixty days 5 after its petition is approved.

6 (f) "Model 1 seller" means a seller that has selected a certified 7 service provider as its agent to perform all the seller's sales and 8 use tax functions, other than the seller's obligation to remit tax on 9 its own purchases.

10 (g) "Model 2 seller" means a seller that has selected a certified 11 automated system to perform part of its sales and use tax functions, 12 but retains responsibility for remitting the tax.

(h) "Model 3 seller" means a seller that has sales in at least 13 five member states, has total annual sales revenue of at least five 14 hundred million dollars, has a proprietary system that calculates the 15 16 amount of tax due each jurisdiction, and has entered into a 17 performance agreement with the member states that establishes a tax performance standard for the seller. As used in this subsection 18 (((<del>(3)</del>)) (4)(h), a seller includes an affiliated group of sellers 19 20 using the same proprietary system.

(i) "Source" means the location in which the sale or use of tangible personal property, a digital good or digital code, an extended warranty, or a digital automated service or other service, subject to tax under chapter 82.08, 82.12, 82.14, or 82.14B RCW, is deemed to occur.

26 **Sec. 310.** RCW 82.32.070 and 2013 c 23 s 322 are each amended to 27 read as follows:

(1) Every ((person liable for any fee or tax imposed by chapters 28 82.04 through 82.27 RCW shall)) taxpayer liable for any tax collected 29 30 by the department must keep and preserve, for a period of five years, suitable records as may be necessary to determine the amount of any 31 tax for which ((he or she)) the taxpayer may be liable((, which 32 records shall)). Such records must include copies of all of the 33 taxpayer's federal income tax and state tax returns and reports 34 ((made by him or her. All his or her)). All of the taxpayer's books, 35 records, and invoices ((shall)) must be open for examination at any 36 time by the department of revenue. In the case of an out-of-state 37 ((person or concern which)) taxpayer that does not keep the necessary 38 books and records within this state, it ((shall be)) is sufficient if 39

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((it)) the taxpayer produces within the state such books and records 1 2 as ((shall be)) are required by the department of revenue, or permits the examination by an agent authorized or designated by the 3 department of revenue at the place where such books and records are 4 kept. Any ((person)) taxpayer who fails to comply with the 5 б requirements of this section ((shall be)) is forever barred from 7 questioning, in any court action or proceedings, the correctness of any assessment of taxes made by the department of revenue based upon 8 any period for which such books, records, and invoices have not been 9 so kept and preserved. 10

11 (2) A person liable for any fee or tax imposed by chapters 82.04 through 82.27 RCW who contracts with another person or entity for 12 work subject to chapter 18.27 or 19.28 RCW ((shall)) must obtain and 13 preserve a record of the unified business identifier account number 14 for the person or entity performing the work. Failure to obtain or 15 16 maintain the record is subject to RCW 39.06.010 and to a penalty 17 determined by the director, but not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars. The department ((shall)) must notify the taxpayer and 18 collect the penalty in the same manner as penalties under RCW 19 82.32.100. 20

21 **Sec. 311.** RCW 82.32.080 and 2012 c 39 s 2 are each amended to 22 read as follows:

(1) When authorized by the department, payment of the tax may be made by uncertified check under such rules as the department prescribes, but, if a check so received is not paid by the bank on which it is drawn, the taxpayer, by whom such check is tendered, will remain liable for payment of the tax and for all legal penalties and interest, the same as if such check had not been tendered.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, payment 29 30 of the tax must be made by electronic funds transfer, as defined in 31 RCW 82.32.085. As an alternative to electronic funds transfer, the department may authorize other forms of electronic payment, such as 32 payment by credit card. All taxes administered by this chapter are 33 subject to this requirement, except that the department may exclude 34 any taxes not reported on the combined excise tax return or any 35 successor return from the electronic payment requirement in this 36 37 subsection.

(b) The department may waive the electronic payment requirementin this subsection for any taxpayer or class of taxpayers, for good

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1 cause or for whom the department has assigned a reporting frequency 2 that is less than quarterly. In the discretion of the department, a 3 waiver under this subsection may be made temporary or permanent, and 4 may be made on the department's own motion.

5 (c) The department is authorized to accept payment of taxes by 6 electronic funds transfer or other acceptable forms of electronic 7 payment from taxpayers that are not subject to the mandatory 8 electronic payment requirements in this subsection.

9 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, returns 10 must be filed electronically using the department's online tax filing 11 service or other method of electronic reporting as the department may 12 authorize.

(b) The department may waive the electronic filing requirement in this subsection for any taxpayer or class of taxpayers, for good cause or for whom the department has assigned a reporting frequency that is less than quarterly. In the discretion of the department, a waiver under this subsection may be made temporary or permanent, and may be made on the department's own motion.

19 (c) The department is authorized to allow electronic filing of 20 returns from taxpayers that are not subject to the mandatory 21 electronic filing requirements in this subsection.

(4)(a)(i) The department, for good cause shown, may extend the 22 time for making and filing any return, and may grant such reasonable 23 additional time within which to make and file returns as it may deem 24 25 proper, but any permanent extension granting the taxpayer a reporting 26 date without penalty more than ten days beyond the due date, and any extension in excess of thirty days must be conditional on deposit 27 with the department of an amount to be determined by the department 28 which is approximately equal to the estimated tax liability for the 29 reporting period or periods for which the extension is granted. In 30 31 the case of a permanent extension or a temporary extension of more than thirty days the deposit must be deposited within the state 32 treasury with other tax funds and a credit recorded to the taxpayer's 33 applied to taxpayer's 34 account which may be liability upon cancellation of the permanent extension or upon reporting of the tax 35 liability where an extension of more than thirty days has been 36 granted. 37

(ii) The department must review the requirement for deposit at least annually and may require a change in the amount of the deposit required when it believes that such amount does not approximate the

1 tax liability for the reporting period or periods for which the 2 extension is granted.

3 (b) During a state of emergency declared under RCW 43.06.010(12), 4 the department, on its own motion or at the request of any taxpayer 5 affected by the emergency, may extend the time for making or filing 6 any return as the department deems proper. The department may not 7 require any deposit as a condition for granting an extension under 8 this subsection (4)(b).

(5)(a) The department must keep full and accurate records of all 9 funds received and disbursed by it. Subject to the provisions of RCW 10 82.32.105, 82.32.052, and 82.32.350, the department must apply the 11 payment of the taxpayer in the following order, without regard to any 12 direction of the taxpayer: (i) Interest; (ii) penalties; (iii) fees 13 that are not within the definition of tax in RCW 82.32.020; (iv) 14 other nontax amounts; (v) taxes, except spirits taxes; 15 and (vi) 16 spirits taxes.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, "spirits taxes" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.08.155.

(6) The department may refuse to accept any return that is not 19 accompanied by a remittance of the tax shown to be due thereon or 20 21 that is not filed electronically as required in this section. When such return is not accepted, the taxpayer is deemed to have failed or 22 refused to file a return and is subject to the procedures provided in 23 RCW 82.32.100 and to the penalties provided in RCW 82.32.090. The 24 25 above authority to refuse to accept a return may not apply when a 26 return is timely filed electronically and a timely payment has been made by electronic funds transfer or other form of electronic payment 27 as authorized by the department. 28

29 (7) Except for returns and remittances required to be transmitted to the department electronically under this section and except as 30 31 otherwise provided in this chapter, a return or remittance that is transmitted to the department by United States mail is deemed filed 32 or received on the date shown by the post office cancellation mark 33 stamped upon the envelope containing it. A return or remittance that 34 is transmitted to the department electronically is deemed filed or 35 36 received according to procedures set forth by the department.

37 (8)(a) For purposes of subsections (2) and (3) of this section, 38 "good cause" means the inability of a taxpayer to comply with the 39 requirements of subsection (2) or (3) of this section because:

(i) The taxpayer does not have the equipment or software
 necessary to enable the taxpayer to comply with subsection (2) or (3)
 of this section;

4 (ii) The equipment or software necessary to enable the taxpayer
5 to comply with subsection (2) or (3) of this section is not
6 functioning properly;

7 (iii) The taxpayer does not have access to the internet using the8 taxpayer's own equipment;

9 (iv) The taxpayer does not have a bank account or a credit card;

10 (v) The taxpayer's bank is unable to send or receive electronic 11 funds transfer transactions; or

(vi) Some other circumstance or condition exists that, in the department's judgment, prevents the taxpayer from complying with the requirements of subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

(b) "Good cause" also includes any circumstance that, in the 15 16 department's judgment, supports the efficient or effective 17 administration of the tax laws of this state, including providing relief from the requirements of subsection (2) or (3) of this section 18 to any taxpayer that is voluntarily collecting and remitting this 19 state's sales or use taxes on sales to Washington customers but has 20 21 no legal requirement to be registered with the department.

22 **Sec. 312.** RCW 84.36.041 and 2008 c 6 s 707 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

(1) All real and personal property used by a nonprofit home for the aging that is reasonably necessary for the purposes of the home is exempt from taxation if the benefit of the exemption inures to the home and:

(a) At least fifty percent of the occupied dwelling units in thehome are occupied by eligible residents; or

30 (b) The home is subsidized under a federal department of housing 31 and urban development program. The department of revenue ((shall)) 32 <u>must</u> provide by rule a definition of homes eligible for exemption 33 under this subsection (1)(b), consistent with the purposes of this 34 section.

35 (2) All real and personal property used by a nonprofit home for 36 the aging that is reasonably necessary for the purposes of the home 37 is exempt from taxation if the benefit of the exemption inures to the 38 home and the construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, or 39 refinancing of the home is financed under a program using bonds

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1 exempt from federal income tax if at least seventy-five percent of the total amount financed uses the tax exempt bonds and the financing 2 program requires the home to reserve a percentage of all dwelling 3 units so financed for low-income residents. The initial term of the 4 exemption under this subsection ((shall)) must equal the term of the 5 6 tax exempt bond used in connection with the financing program, or the 7 term of the requirement to reserve dwelling units for low-income residents, whichever is shorter. If the financing program involves 8 less than the entire home, only those dwelling units included in the 9 financing program are eligible for total exemption. The department of 10 11 revenue ((shall)) must provide by rule the requirements for 12 monitoring compliance with the provisions of this subsection and the requirements for exemption including: 13

(a) The number or percentage of dwelling units required to beoccupied by low-income residents, and a definition of low income;

16 (b) The type and character of the dwelling units, whether 17 independent units or otherwise; and

18 (c) Any particular requirements for continuing care retirement 19 communities.

(3) A home for the aging is eligible for a partial exemption on the real property and a total exemption for the home's personal property if the home does not meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section because fewer than fifty percent of the occupied dwelling units are occupied by eligible residents, as follows:

(a) A partial exemption ((shall)) <u>must</u> be allowed for each dwelling unit in a home occupied by a resident requiring assistance with activities of daily living.

(b) A partial exemption ((shall)) <u>must</u> be allowed for each
dwelling unit in a home occupied by an eligible resident.

(c) A partial exemption ((shall)) <u>must</u> be allowed for an area 30 31 jointly used by a home for the aging and by a nonprofit organization, association, or corporation currently exempt from property taxation 32 under one of the other provisions of this chapter. The shared area 33 must be reasonably necessary for the purposes of the nonprofit 34 organization, association, or corporation exempt from property 35 taxation under one of the other provisions of this chapter, such as 36 kitchen, dining, and laundry areas. 37

38 (d) The amount of exemption ((shall)) <u>must</u> be calculated by 39 multiplying the assessed value of the property reasonably necessary 40 for the purposes of the home, less the assessed value of any area

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1 exempt under (c) of this subsection, by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the number of dwelling units occupied by eligible 2 residents and by residents requiring assistance with activities of 3 daily living. The denominator of the fraction is the total number of 4 occupied dwelling units as of December 31st of the first assessment 5 б year the home becomes operational for which exemption is claimed and 7 January 1st of each subsequent assessment year for which exemption is claimed. 8

9 (4) To be exempt under this section, the property must be used 10 exclusively for the purposes for which the exemption is granted, 11 except as provided in RCW 84.36.805.

12 (5) A home for the aging is exempt from taxation only if the 13 organization operating the home is exempt from income tax under 14 section 501(c) of the federal internal revenue code as existing on 15 January 1, 1989, or such subsequent date as the director may provide 16 by rule consistent with the purposes of this section.

17 (6) In order for the home to be eligible for exemption under subsections (1)(a) and (3)(b) of this section, each eligible resident 18 of a home for the aging ((shall)) <u>must</u> submit an income verification 19 form to the county assessor by July 1st of the assessment year for 20 21 which exemption is claimed. However, during the first year a home becomes operational, the county assessor ((shall)) must accept income 22 verification forms from eligible residents up to December 31st of the 23 assessment year. The income verification form ((shall)) must be 24 25 prescribed and furnished by the department of revenue. An eligible 26 resident who has filed a form for a previous year need not file a new form until there is a change in status affecting the person's 27 eligibility. 28

(7) In determining the true and fair value of a home for the 29 aging for purposes of the partial exemption provided by subsection 30 31 of this section, the assessor ((shall)) must (3) apply the computation method provided by RCW 84.34.060 and ((shall)) 32 may consider only the use to which such property is applied during the 33 years for which such partial exemptions are available and ((shall)) 34 35 may not consider potential uses of such property.

36 (8) As used in this section:

37 (a) "Eligible resident" means a person who:

(i) Occupied the dwelling unit as a principal place of residence
 as of December 31st of the first assessment year the home becomes
 operational. In each subsequent year, the eligible resident must

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occupy the dwelling unit as a principal place of residence as of 1 January 1st of the assessment year for which the exemption 2 is claimed. Confinement of the person to a hospital or nursing home does 3 not disqualify the claim of exemption if the dwelling unit 4 is temporarily unoccupied or if the dwelling unit is occupied by a 5 6 spouse or a domestic partner, a person financially dependent on the 7 claimant for support, or both; and

(ii) Is sixty-one years of age or older on December 31st of the 8 year in which the exemption claim is filed, or is, at the time of 9 filing, retired from regular gainful employment by reason 10 of ((physical)) disability as defined in RCW 84.36.383. Any surviving 11 12 spouse or surviving domestic partner of a person who was receiving an exemption at the time of the person's death ((shall qualify)) 13 <u>qualifies</u> if the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner is 14 fifty-seven years of age or older and otherwise meets the 15 16 requirements of this subsection; and

17 (iii) Has a combined disposable income of no more than the 18 greater of twenty-two thousand dollars or eighty percent of the 19 median income adjusted for family size as most recently determined by the federal department of housing and urban development for the 20 county in which the person resides. For the purposes of determining 21 eligibility under this section, a "cotenant" means a person who 22 resides with an eligible resident and who shares personal financial 23 resources with the eligible resident. 24

25 (b) "Combined disposable income" means the disposable income of 26 the person submitting the income verification form, plus the disposable income of his or her spouse or domestic partner, and the 27 28 disposable income of each cotenant occupying the dwelling unit for 29 the preceding calendar year, less amounts paid by the person submitting the income verification form or his or her spouse or 30 31 domestic partner or cotenant during the previous year for the treatment or care of either person received in the dwelling unit or 32 in a nursing home. If the person submitting the income verification 33 form was retired for two months or more of the preceding year, the 34 income of such person ((shall)) 35 combined disposable must be calculated by multiplying the average monthly combined disposable 36 income of such person during the months such person was retired by 37 38 twelve. Ιf the income of the person submitting the income 39 verification form is reduced for two or more months of the preceding 40 year by reason of the death of the person's spouse or domestic

partner, the combined disposable income of such person ((shall)) <u>must</u> be calculated by multiplying the average monthly combined disposable income of such person after the death of the spouse or domestic partner by twelve.

5 (c) "Disposable income" means adjusted gross income as defined in 6 the federal internal revenue code, as amended prior to January 1, 7 1989, or such subsequent date as the director may provide by rule 8 consistent with the purpose of this section, plus all of the 9 following items to the extent they are not included in or have been 10 deducted from adjusted gross income:

(i) Capital gains, other than gain excluded from income under section 121 of the federal internal revenue code to the extent it is reinvested in a new principal residence;

14 (ii) Amounts deducted for loss;

15 (iii) Amounts deducted for depreciation;

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(iv) Pension and annuity receipts;

17 (v) Military pay and benefits other than attendant-care and 18 medical-aid payments;

19 (vi) Veterans benefits other than attendant-care and medical-aid 20 payments;

21 (vii) Federal social security act and railroad retirement 22 benefits;

23 (viii) Dividend receipts; and

24 (ix) Interest received on state and municipal bonds.

(d) "Resident requiring assistance with activities of daily living" means a person who requires significant assistance with the activities of daily living and who would be at risk of nursing home placement without this assistance.

(e) "Home for the aging" means a residential housing facility 29 that (i) provides a housing arrangement chosen voluntarily by the 30 31 resident, the resident's guardian or conservator, or another responsible person; (ii) has only residents who are at least sixty-32 one years of age or who have needs for care generally compatible with 33 persons who are at least sixty-one years of age; and (iii) provides 34 varying levels of care and supervision, as agreed to at the time of 35 36 admission or as determined necessary at subsequent times of 37 reappraisal.

38 (9) A for-profit home for the aging that converts to nonprofit 39 status after June 11, 1992, and would otherwise be eligible for tax 40 exemption under this section may not receive the tax exemption until five years have elapsed since the conversion. The exemption ((shall))
 <u>must</u> then be ratably granted over the next five years.

3 **Sec. 313.** RCW 84.38.030 and 2008 c 6 s 702 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 A claimant may defer payment of special assessments and/or real 6 property taxes on up to eighty percent of the amount of the 7 claimant's equity value in the claimant's residence if the following 8 conditions are met:

9 (1) The claimant must meet all requirements for an exemption for 10 the residence under RCW 84.36.381, other than the age and income 11 limits under RCW 84.36.381.

(2) The claimant must be sixty years of age or older on December 12 31st of the year in which the deferral claim is filed, or must have 13 been, at the time of filing, retired from regular gainful employment 14 15 by reason of ((physical)) disability((: PROVIDED, That)) as defined 16 in RCW 84.36.383. However, any surviving spouse or surviving domestic 17 partner of a person who was receiving a deferral at the time of the person's death ((shall qualify)) qualifies if the surviving spouse or 18 surviving domestic partner is fifty-seven years of age or older and 19 20 otherwise meets the requirements of this section.

(3) The claimant must have a combined disposable income, asdefined in RCW 84.36.383, of forty thousand dollars or less.

(4) The claimant must have owned, at the time of filing, the 23 residence on which the special assessment and/or real property taxes 24 25 have been imposed. For purposes of this subsection, a residence owned by a marital community, owned by domestic partners, or owned by 26 27 cotenants ((shall be)) is deemed to be owned by each spouse, each domestic partner, or each cotenant. A claimant who has only a share 28 ownership in cooperative housing, a life estate, a lease for life, or 29 30 a revocable trust does not satisfy the ownership requirement.

(5) The claimant must have and keep in force fire and casualty insurance in sufficient amount to protect the interest of the state in the claimant's equity value((÷ PROVIDED, That)). However, if the claimant fails to keep fire and casualty insurance in force to the extent of the state's interest in the claimant's equity value, the amount deferred ((shall)) may not exceed one hundred percent of the claimant's equity value in the land or lot only.

1 (6) In the case of special assessment deferral, the claimant must 2 have opted for payment of such special assessments on the installment 3 method if such method was available.

4 **Sec. 314.** RCW 84.39.010 and 2005 c 253 s 1 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

A person is entitled to a property tax exemption in the form of a grant as provided in this chapter. The person is entitled to assistance for the payment of all or a portion of the amount of excess and regular real property taxes imposed on the person's residence in the year in which a claim is filed in accordance with the following:

(1) The claimant must meet all requirements for an exemption for the residence under RCW 84.36.381, other than the income limits under RCW 84.36.381.

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(2)(a) The person making the claim must be:

16 (i) Sixty-two years of age or older on December 31st of the year 17 in which the claim is filed, or must have been, at the time of 18 filing, retired from regular gainful employment by reason of 19 ((physical)) disability; and

20 21 (ii) A widow or widower of a veteran who:

(A) Died as a result of a service-connected disability;

(B) Was rated as one hundred percent disabled by the United
States veterans' administration for the ten years prior to his or her
death;

(C) Was a former prisoner of war as substantiated by the United States veterans' administration and was rated as one hundred percent disabled by the United States veterans' administration for one or more years prior to his or her death; or

(D) Died on active duty or in active training status as a member
 of the United States uniformed services, reserves, or national guard;
 and

32 (b) The person making the claim must not have remarried.

(3) The claimant must have a combined disposable income of fortythousand dollars or less.

(4) The claimant must have owned, at the time of filing, the residence on which the real property taxes have been imposed. For purposes of this subsection, a residence owned by cotenants ((shall be)) is deemed to be owned by each cotenant. A claimant who has only a share ownership in cooperative housing, a life estate, a lease for

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1 life, or a revocable trust does not satisfy the ownership
2 requirement.

3 (5) A person who otherwise qualifies under this section is 4 entitled to assistance in an amount equal to regular and excess 5 property taxes imposed on the difference between the value of the 6 residence eligible for exemption under RCW 84.36.381(5) and:

7 (a) The first one hundred thousand dollars of assessed value of 8 the residence for a person who has a combined disposable income of 9 thirty thousand dollars or less;

10 (b) The first seventy-five thousand dollars of assessed value of 11 the residence for a person who has a combined disposable income of 12 thirty-five thousand dollars or less but greater than thirty thousand 13 dollars; or

14 (c) The first fifty thousand dollars of assessed value of the 15 residence for a person who has a combined disposable income of forty 16 thousand dollars or less but greater than thirty-five thousand 17 dollars.

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(6) As used in this section:

19 (a) "Veteran" has the same meaning as provided under RCW 20 41.04.005.

(b) The meanings attributed in RCW 84.36.383 to the terms residence," "combined disposable income," "disposable income," and "disability" apply equally to this section.

24 **Sec. 315.** RCW 84.64.060 and 2003 c 23 s 4 are each amended to 25 read as follows:

(1) Any person owning a recorded interest in lands or lots upon 26 27 which judgment is prayed, as provided in this chapter, may in person or by agent pay the taxes, interest and costs due thereon to the 28 county treasurer of the county in which the same are situated, at any 29 30 time before the day of the sale; and for the amount so paid he or she ((shall)) will have a lien on the property liable for taxes, 31 interest, and costs for which judgment is prayed; and the person or 32 authority who ((shall)) collects or receives the same ((shall)) must 33 give a receipt for such payment, or issue to such person a 34 35 certificate showing such payment. If paying by agent, the agent ((shall)) must provide notarized documentation of the agency 36 37 relationship.

38 (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, a 39 person need not pay the amount of any outstanding liens for amounts

1 deferred under chapter 84.37 or 84.38 RCW, if such amounts have not

2 become payable under RCW 84.37.080 or 84.38.130.

3 **Sec. 316.** RCW 84.64.070 and 2002 c 168 s 10 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

5 (1) Real property upon which certificates of delinquency have been issued under the provisions of this chapter, may be redeemed at б any time before the close of business the day before the day of the 7 sale, by payment, as prescribed by the county treasurer, to the 8 county treasurer of the proper county, of the amount for which the 9 certificate of delinquency was issued, together with interest at the 10 11 statutory rate per annum charged on delinquent general real and personal property taxes from date of issuance of the certificate of 12 13 delinguency until paid.

14 (2) The person redeeming such property ((shall)) <u>must</u> also pay 15 the amount of all taxes, interest and costs accruing after the 16 issuance of such certificate of delinquency, together with interest 17 at the statutory rate per annum charged on delinquent general real 18 and personal property taxes on such payment from the day the same was 19 made.

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(3) No fee ((shall)) may be charged for any redemption.

21 (4) Tenants in common or joint tenants ((shall)) must be allowed 22 to redeem their individual interest in real property for which 23 certificates of delinquency have been issued under the provisions of 24 this chapter, in the manner and under the terms specified in RCW 25 84.64.060 for the redemption of real property other than that of 26 persons adjudicated to be legally incompetent or minors for purposes 27 of this section.

(5) If the real property of any minor, or any person adjudicated 28 to be legally incompetent, be sold for nonpayment of taxes, the same 29 30 may be redeemed at any time within three years after the date of sale upon the terms specified in this section, on the payment of interest 31 at the statutory rate per annum charged on delinquent general real 32 and personal property taxes on the amount for which the same was 33 sold, from and after the date of sale, and in addition the 34 35 redemptioner ((shall)) must pay the reasonable value of all improvements made in good faith on the property, less the value of 36 the use thereof, which redemption may be made by themselves or by any 37 38 person in their behalf.

1 (6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, a 2 person may redeem real property under this section without the 3 payment of any outstanding liens for amounts deferred under chapter 4 84.37 or 84.38 RCW, if such amounts have not become payable under RCW 5 84.37.080 or 84.38.130.

> Part IV Taxability matrix

8 **Sec. 401.** RCW 82.32.740 and 2007 c 6 s 701 are each amended to 9 read as follows:

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(1) The department ((shall)) must complete a taxability matrix 10 11 maintained by the member states of the agreement in downloadable 12 format. The matrix contains terms defined in the agreement and the disclosure of the state's practices in the administration of sales 13 and use taxes as required under section 335 of the agreement. The 14 15 department ((shall)) must provide notice of changes in the taxability 16 of products or services listed in the matrix. The department must 17 also provide notice of changes in the state's treatment of practices 18 identified in the matrix.

19 (2)(a) Sellers and certified service providers are relieved from 20 liability to the state and to local jurisdictions for having charged 21 or collected the incorrect amount of sales or use tax if the error 22 resulted from reliance on erroneous information provided by the 23 department in the taxability matrix.

24 (b) Beginning July 1, 2015, if the taxability matrix is amended, sellers and certified service providers are relieved from liability 25 26 to the state and to local jurisdictions to the extent that the seller or certified service provider relied on the immediately preceding 27 version of the state's taxability matrix. Relief under this 28 subsection (2)(b) is available until the first day of the calendar 29 30 month that is at least thirty days after the department submits notice of a change to the state's taxability matrix to the 31 streamlined sales tax governing board. 32

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