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**Chapter 67.04 RCW  
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**RCW 67.04.010 Penalty for bribery in relation to baseball game.**

Any person who shall bribe or offer to bribe, any baseball player with intent to influence his or her play, action, or conduct in any baseball game, or any person who shall bribe or offer to bribe any umpire of a baseball game, with intent to influence him or her to make a wrong decision or to bias his or her opinion or judgment in relation to any baseball game or any play occurring therein, or any person who shall bribe or offer to bribe any manager, or other official of a baseball club, league, or association, by whatsoever name called, conducting said game of baseball to throw or lose a game of baseball, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [2012 c 117 s 294; 1921 c 181 s 1; RRS s 2321-1.]

**RCW 67.04.020 Penalty for acceptance of bribe.** Any baseball player who shall accept or agree to accept, a bribe offered for the purpose of wrongfully influencing his or her play, action, or conduct in any baseball game, or any umpire of a baseball game who shall accept or agree to accept a bribe offered for the purpose of influencing him or her to make a wrong decision, or biasing his or her opinions, rulings or judgment with regard to any play, or any manager of a baseball club, or club or league official, who shall accept, or agree to accept, any bribe offered for the purpose of inducing him or her to lose or cause to be lost any baseball game, as set forth in RCW 67.04.010, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [2012 c 117 s 295; 1921 c 181 s 2; RRS s 2321-2.]

**RCW 67.04.030 Elements of offense outlined.** To complete the offenses mentioned in RCW 67.04.010 and 67.04.020, it shall not be necessary that the baseball player, manager, umpire, or official, shall, at the time, have been actually employed, selected, or appointed to perform his or her respective duties; it shall be

sufficient if the bribe be offered, accepted, or agreed to with the view of probable employment, selection, or appointment of the person to whom the bribe is offered, or by whom it is accepted. Neither shall it be necessary that such baseball player, umpire, or manager actually play or participate in a game or games concerning which said bribe is offered or accepted; it shall be sufficient if the bribe be given, offered, or accepted in view of his or her possibly participating therein. [2012 c 117 s 296; 1921 c 181 s 3; RRS s 2321-3.]

**RCW 67.04.040 "Bribe" defined.** By a "bribe" as used in RCW 67.04.010 through 67.04.080, is meant any gift, emolument, money or thing of value, testimonial, privilege, appointment, or personal advantage, or the promise of either, bestowed or promised for the purpose of influencing, directly or indirectly, any baseball player, manager, umpire, club or league official, to see which game an admission fee may be charged, or in which game of baseball any player, manager, or umpire is paid any compensation for his or her services. Said bribe as defined in RCW 67.04.010 through 67.04.080 need not be direct; it may be such as is hidden under the semblance of a sale, bet, wager, payment of a debt, or in any other manner designed to cover the true intention of the parties. [2012 c 117 s 297; 1921 c 181 s 4; RRS s 2321-4.]

**RCW 67.04.050 Corrupt baseball playing—Penalty.** Any baseball player, manager, or club or league official who shall commit any willful act of omission or commission in playing, or directing the playing, of a baseball game, with intent to cause the ball club, with which he or she is affiliated, to lose a baseball game; or any umpire officiating in a baseball game, or any club or league official who shall commit any willful act connected with his or her official duties for the purpose and with the intent to cause a baseball club to win or lose a baseball game, which it would not otherwise have won or lost under the rules governing the playing of said game, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [2012 c 117 s 298; 1921 c 181 s 5; RRS s 2321-5.]

**RCW 67.04.060 Venue of action.** In all prosecutions under RCW 67.04.010 through 67.04.080 the venue may be laid in any county where the bribe herein referred to was given, offered or accepted, or in which the baseball game was played in relation to which the bribe was offered, given or accepted, or the acts referred to in RCW 67.04.050 committed. [1921 c 181 s 6; RRS s 2321-6.]

**RCW 67.04.070 Bonus or extra compensation.** Nothing in RCW 67.04.010 through 67.04.080 shall be construed to prohibit the giving or offering of any bonus or extra compensation to any manager or baseball player by any person to encourage such manager or player to a higher degree of skill, ability, or diligence in the performance of his or her duties. [2012 c 117 s 299; 1921 c 181 s 7; RRS s 2321-7.]

**RCW 67.04.080 Scope of provisions as to bribes.** RCW 67.04.010 through 67.04.080 shall apply only to baseball league and club officials, umpires, managers and players who act in such capacity in games where the public is generally invited to attend and a general admission fee is charged. [1921 c 181 s 8; RRS s 2321-8.]

**RCW 67.04.090 Baseball contracts with minors—Definitions.** As used in RCW 67.04.090 through 67.04.150 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Agent" shall, in addition to its generally accepted legal meaning, mean and include those persons commonly known as "baseball scouts";

(2) "Contract" shall mean any contract, agreement, bonus, or gratuity arrangement, whether oral or written;

(3) "Minor" shall mean any person under the age of eighteen years, and who has not graduated from high school: PROVIDED, That should he or she become eighteen during his or her senior year he or she shall be a minor until the end of the school year;

(4) "Organized professional baseball" shall mean and include all persons, firms, corporations, associations, or teams or clubs, or agents thereof, engaged in professional baseball, or in promoting the interest of professional baseball, or sponsoring or managing other persons, firms, corporations, associations, teams, or clubs who play baseball in any of the major or minor professional baseball leagues, or any such league hereafter organized;

(5) "Parent" shall mean parent, parents, or guardian;

(6) "Prosecuting attorney" shall mean the prosecuting attorney, or his or her regular deputy, of the county in which the minor's parent is domiciled. [2012 c 117 s 300; 1951 c 78 s 2.]

**Reviser's note:** The definitions in this section have been alphabetized pursuant to RCW 1.08.015(2)(k).

**Purpose—1951 c 78:** "The welfare of the children of this state is of paramount interest to the people of the state. It is the purpose of this act to foster the education of minors and to protect their moral and physical well-being. Organized professional baseball has in numerous cases induced minors to enter into contracts and agreements which have been unfair and injurious to them." [1951 c 78 s 1.]

**Severability—1951 c 78:** "If any portion, section, or clause of this act, shall be declared or found invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the remainder of this act." [1951 c 78 s 9.]

**RCW 67.04.100 Contract with minor void unless approved.** Any contract between organized professional baseball and a minor shall be null and void and contrary to the public policy of the state, unless and until such contract be approved as hereinafter provided. [1951 c 78 s 3.]

**Purpose—Severability—1951 c 78:** See notes following RCW 67.04.090.

**RCW 67.04.110 Contract with minor—Approval by prosecuting attorney.** No contract within RCW 67.04.090 through 67.04.150 shall be null and void, nor shall any of the prohibitions or penalties provided in RCW 67.04.090 through 67.04.150 be applicable if such contract be first approved in writing by the prosecuting attorney. Such approval may be sought jointly, or at the request of either party seeking a contract. [1951 c 78 s 4.]

**Purpose—Severability—1951 c 78:** See notes following RCW 67.04.090.

**RCW 67.04.120 Contract with minor—Basis of approval.** The prosecuting attorney shall have the authority to examine all the parties to the proposed contract and any other interested person and shall approve such contract if the following facts and circumstances are found to exist:

(1) That the minor has not been signed, approached, or contacted, directly or indirectly, pertaining to a professional baseball contract except as herein permitted by approval of the prosecuting attorney;

(2) That the minor has been apprised of the fact that approval of the contract may deprive him or her of his or her amateur status;

(3) That the parent of the minor and the minor have consented to the contract;

(4) That the prosecuting attorney has concluded that the contract conforms to the provisions of RCW 67.04.090 through 67.04.150, and is a valid and binding contract;

(5) That the contract permits the minor to have at least five months available each year to continue his or her high school education. [2012 c 117 s 301; 1951 c 78 s 5.]

**Purpose—Severability—1951 c 78:** See notes following RCW 67.04.090.

*Employment permits: RCW 28A.225.080.*

**RCW 67.04.130 Contract with minor—Effect of disapproval.** Should the prosecuting attorney not approve the contract as above provided, then such contract shall be void, and the status of the minor shall remain as if no contract had been made, unless the prosecuting attorney's determination be the result of arbitrary or capricious action. [1951 c 78 s 6.]

**Purpose—Severability—1951 c 78:** See notes following RCW 67.04.090.

**RCW 67.04.140 Negotiations with minor prohibited.** No representative of organized professional baseball nor agent, nor person purporting to be able to represent any institution in organized baseball, whether so authorized to represent such institution or not, shall initiate or participate in any negotiations which would induce an evasion of this law in any way, including the removal of any minor to another state, or violate the minor's high school athletic eligibility. [1951 c 78 s 7.]

**Purpose—Severability—1951 c 78:** See notes following RCW 67.04.090.

**RCW 67.04.150 Contract with minor—Penalty for violation.** Any person, firm, corporation, association, or agent thereof, who enters into a contract with a minor, or gives a bonus or any gratuity to any minor to secure the minor's promise to enter into a contract in violation of the provisions of RCW 67.04.090 through 67.04.150, or shall otherwise violate any provisions of RCW 67.04.090 through 67.04.150, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [1951 c 78 s 8.]

**Purpose—Severability—1951 c 78:** See notes following RCW 67.04.090.



**Chapter 67.08 RCW**  
**BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND WRESTLING**

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**RCW 67.08.002 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Amateur" means a person who has never received nor competed for any purse or other article of value, either for expenses of training or for participating in an event, other than a prize of fifty dollars in value or less.

(2) "Amateur event" means an event in which all the participants are "amateurs" and which is registered and sanctioned by:

- (a) United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.;
  - (b) Washington Interscholastic Activities Association;
  - (c) National Collegiate Athletic Association;
  - (d) Amateur Athletic Union;
  - (e) Golden Gloves of America;
  - (f) Any similar organization nationally recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;
  - (g) United Full Contact Federation and any similar amateur sanctioning organization, recognized and licensed by the department as exclusively or primarily dedicated to advancing the sport of amateur mixed martial arts, as those sports are defined in this section and where the promoter, officials, and participants are licensed under this chapter; or
  - (h) Local affiliate of any organization identified in (a) through (f) of this subsection.
- (3) "Boxing" means the sport of attack and defense which uses the contestants fists and where the contestants compete with the intent not to injure or disable an opponent, but to win by decision, knockout, or technical knockout, but does not include professional wrestling.
- (4) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW as a doctor of chiropractic or under the laws of any jurisdiction in which that person resides.
- (5) "Combative fighting," also known as "toughman fighting," "toughwoman fighting," "badman fighting," and "so you think you're tough," means a contest, exhibition, or match between contestants who use their fists, with or without gloves, or their feet, or both, and which allows contestants that are not trained in the sport to compete and the object is to defeat an opponent or to win by decision, knockout, or technical knockout.
- (6) "Department" means the department of licensing.
- (7) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing or the director's designee.
- (8) "Elimination tournament" means any contest in which contestants compete in a series of matches until not more than one contestant remains in any weight category. The term does not include any event that complies with the provisions of RCW 67.08.015(2).
- (9) "Event" includes, but is not limited to, a professional boxing, wrestling, or martial arts or an amateur mixed martial arts contest, sparring, fisticuffs, match, show, or exhibition.
- (10) "Event chiropractor" means the chiropractor licensed under RCW 67.08.100 and who is operating in a supporting role to the event physician who is responsible for the activities described in RCW 67.08.090.
- (11) "Event physician" means the physician licensed under RCW 67.08.100 and who is responsible for the activities described in RCW 67.08.090.
- (12) "Face value" means the dollar value of a ticket or order, which value must reflect the dollar amount that the customer is required to pay or, for a complimentary ticket, would have been required to pay to purchase a ticket with equivalent seating priority, in order to view the event.
- (13) "Gross receipts" means the amount received from the face value of all tickets sold and complimentary tickets redeemed.
- (14) "Kickboxing" means a type of boxing in which blows are delivered with the fist and any part of the leg below the hip, including the foot and where the contestants compete with the intent

not to injure or disable an opponent, but to win by decision, knockout, or technical knockout.

(15) "Martial arts" means a type of boxing including sumo, judo, karate, kung fu, tae kwon do, pankration, muay thai, or other forms of full-contact martial arts or self-defense conducted on a full-contact basis where weapons are not used and the participants utilize kicks, punches, blows, or other techniques with the intent not to injure or disable an opponent, but to defeat an opponent or win by decision, knockout, technical knockout, or submission.

(16) "Mixed martial arts" means a combative sporting contest, the rules of which allow two mixed martial arts competitors to attempt to achieve dominance over one another by utilizing a variety of techniques including, but not limited to, striking, grappling, and the application of submission holds. "Mixed martial arts" is a type of martial arts that does not include martial arts such as tae kwon do, karate, judo, sumo, jujitsu, and kung fu.

(17) "No holds barred fighting," also known as "frontier fighting" and "extreme fighting," means a contest, exhibition, or match between contestants where any part of the contestant's body may be used as a weapon or any means of fighting may be used with the specific purpose to intentionally injure the other contestant in such a manner that they may not defend themselves and a winner is declared. Rules may or may not be used.

(18) "Physician" means a person licensed under chapter 18.57, 18.36A, or 18.71 RCW as a physician or a person holding an osteopathic or allopathic physician license under the laws of any jurisdiction in which the person resides.

(19) "Professional" means a person who has received or competed for any purse or other articles of value greater than fifty dollars, either for the expenses of training or for participating in an event.

(20) "Promoter" means a person, and includes any officer, director, employee, or stockholder of a corporate promoter, who produces, arranges, stages, holds, or gives an event in this state involving a professional boxing, martial arts, or wrestling event or amateur mixed martial arts event, or shows or causes to be shown in this state a closed circuit telecast of a match involving professional or amateur mixed martial arts participants whether or not the telecast originates in this state.

(21) "Theatrical wrestling" means the performance of sports entertainment in which:

(a) Two or more participants work together in a performance of mock combat in a ring for the purpose of entertainment; and

(b) (i) The outcome is predetermined; and/or

(ii) The participants do not necessarily strive to win.

(22) "Theatrical wrestling school" means a facility that offers training in theatrical wrestling.

(23) "Training facility" means a facility that:

(a) Offers training in one or more of the mixed martial arts; and

(b) Holds exhibitions in which all the participants are amateurs and where an admission fee is charged.

(24) "Wrestling exhibition," "wrestling show," or "wrestling event" means a demonstration of theatrical wrestling presented to the public. [2017 c 46 s 1. Prior: 2012 c 99 s 1; 2004 c 149 s 1; 2002 c 147 s 1; 1999 c 282 s 2; 1997 c 205 s 1; 1993 c 278 s 8; 1989 c 127 s 1.]

**Findings—2017 c 46:** See note following RCW 67.08.330.

**Effective date—2004 c 149:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [March 26, 2004]." [2004 c 149 s 3.]

**Effective date—2002 c 147:** "This act takes effect January 1, 2003." [2002 c 147 s 4.]

**RCW 67.08.007 Officers, employees, inspectors.** The department may employ and fix the compensation of such officers, employees, and inspectors as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter as amended. [1993 c 278 s 9; 1959 c 305 s 2; 1933 c 184 s 4; RRS s 8276-4. Formerly RCW 43.48.040.]

**RCW 67.08.010 Licenses for boxing, martial arts, and wrestling events—Telecasts.** The department shall have power to issue and take disciplinary action as provided in RCW 18.235.130 against a license to conduct, hold, or promote boxing, martial arts, or wrestling events or closed circuit telecasts of these events as provided in this chapter and chapter 18.235 RCW under such terms and conditions and at such times and places as the department may determine. [2002 c 86 s 305; 1997 c 205 s 2; 1993 c 278 s 10; 1989 c 127 s 13; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 2; 1933 c 184 s 7; RRS s 8276-7. Prior: 1909 c 249 s 304; 1890 p 109 s 1; 1886 p 82 s 1.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.015 Duties of department—Exemptions—Rules.** (1) In the interest of ensuring the safety and welfare of the participants, the department shall have power and it shall be its duty to direct, supervise, and control all boxing, martial arts, and wrestling events conducted within this state and an event may not be held in this state except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The department may, in its discretion, issue and for cause, which includes concern for the safety and welfare of the participants, take any of the actions specified in RCW 18.235.110 against a license to promote, conduct, or hold boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events where an admission fee is charged by any person, club, corporation, organization, association, or fraternal society.

(2) All boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events that:

(a) Are conducted by any common school, college, or university, whether public or private, or by the official student association thereof, whether on or off the school, college, or university grounds, where all the participating contestants are bona fide students enrolled in any common school, college, or university, within or without this state; or

(b) Are entirely amateur events as defined in \*RCW 67.08.002(18), excluding events described in \*RCW 67.08.002(18)(g); are not subject to the provisions of this chapter. A boxing, martial arts, kickboxing, or wrestling event may not be conducted within the state except under a license issued in accordance with this chapter and the rules of the department except as provided in this section.

(3) The director shall prohibit events unless all of the contestants are licensed or otherwise exempt from licensure as provided under this chapter.

(4) No amateur or professional no holds barred fighting or combative fighting type of contest, exhibition, match, or similar type of event, nor any elimination tournament, may be held in this state. Any person promoting such an event is guilty of a class C felony. Additionally, the director may apply to a superior court for an injunction against any and all promoters of a contest, and may request that the court seize all money and assets relating to the competition. [2012 c 99 s 2; 2004 c 149 s 2; 2002 c 86 s 306; 2000 c 151 s 2; 1999 c 282 s 3; 1997 c 205 s 3; 1993 c 278 s 12; 1989 c 127 s 14; 1977 c 9 s 2. Prior: 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 3; 1975 c 1 s 1; 1973 c 53 s 1; 1951 c 48 s 2.]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 67.08.002 was alphabetized pursuant to RCW 1.08.015(2)(k), changing subsection (18) to subsection (2).

**Effective date—2004 c 149:** See note following RCW 67.08.002.

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.017 Director—Powers.** In addition to the powers described in RCW 18.235.030 and 18.235.040, the director or the director's designee has the following authority in administering this chapter:

(1) Adopt, amend, and rescind rules as deemed necessary to carry out this chapter;

(2) Adopt standards of professional and amateur conduct or practice;

(3) Enter into an assurance of discontinuance in lieu of issuing a statement of charges or conducting a hearing. The assurance shall consist of a statement of the law in question and an agreement not to violate the stated provision. The applicant or license holder shall not be required to admit to any violation of the law, and the assurance shall not be construed as such an admission. Violation of an assurance under this subsection is grounds for disciplinary action;

(4) Establish and assess fines for violations of this chapter that may be subject to payment from a contestant's purse;

(5) Establish licensing requirements; and

(6) Adopt rules regarding whether or not specific martial arts are mixed martial arts for the purpose of applying licensing provisions. [2012 c 99 s 3; 2002 c 86 s 307; 1997 c 205 s 4; 1993 c 278 s 11.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.030 Promoters—Bond—Medical insurance.** (1) Every promoter, as a condition for receiving a license, shall file with the department a surety bond in an amount to be determined by the department, but not less than ten thousand dollars, to cover all of the event locations applied for within the state during the license period, conditioned upon the faithful performance by such licensee of the provisions of this chapter, the payment of the taxes, officials, and contracts as provided for herein and the observance of all rules of the department.

(2) Boxing promoters must obtain medical insurance in an amount set by the director, but not less than fifty thousand dollars, to cover any injuries incurred by participants at the time of each event held in this state and provide proof of insurance to the department seventy-two hours before each event. The evidence of insurance must specify, at a minimum, the name of the insurance company, the insurance policy number, the effective date of the coverage, and evidence that each participant is covered by the insurance. The promoter must pay any deductible associated with the insurance policy.

(3) In lieu of the insurance requirement of subsection (2) of this section, a promoter of the boxing event who so chooses may, as a condition for receiving a license under this chapter, file proof of medical insurance coverage that is in effect for the entire term of the licensing period.

(4) The department shall cancel a boxing event if the promoter fails to provide proof of medical insurance within the proper time frame. [1997 c 205 s 5; 1993 c 278 s 13; 1989 c 127 s 6; 1933 c 184 s 9; RRS s 8276-9.]

**RCW 67.08.040 Issuance of license.** Upon the approval by the department of any application for a license, as hereinabove provided, and the filing of the bond the department shall forthwith issue such license. [1993 c 278 s 14; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 4; 1933 c 184 s 10; RRS s 8276-10.]

**RCW 67.08.050 Statement and report of event—Event fee—Complimentary tickets.** (1) Any promoter shall within seven days prior to the holding of any event file with the department a statement setting forth the name of each licensee who is a potential participant, his or her manager or managers, and such other information as the department may require. Participant changes regarding a wrestling event may be allowed after notice to the department, if the new participant holds a valid license under this chapter. The department may stop any wrestling event in which a participant is not licensed under this chapter.

(2) Upon the termination of any event the promoter shall file with the designated department representative a written report, duly verified as the department may require showing the number of tickets sold for the event, the price charged for the tickets and the gross proceeds thereof, and such other and further information as the department may require. The promoter shall pay to the department at

the time of filing the report under this section an event fee to be determined by the director pursuant to RCW 67.08.105. However, the event fee may not be less than twenty-five dollars. A promoter is not required to pay an event fee for promoting an amateur event as defined in \*RCW 67.08.002(18)(g). The event fee and license fees collected under this chapter shall be paid by the department into the business and professions account under RCW 43.24.150. [2012 c 99 s 4; 2009 c 429 s 1; 2000 c 151 s 1; 1999 c 282 s 4; 1997 c 205 s 6; 1993 c 278 s 15; 1989 c 127 s 7; 1933 c 184 s 11; RRS s 8276-11. FORMER PART OF SECTION: 1939 c 54 s 1; RRS s 8276-11a, now footnoted below.]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 67.08.002 was alphabetized pursuant to RCW 1.08.015(2)(k), changing subsection (18) to subsection (2).

**Emergency—Effective date—1939 c 54:** "That this act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1939." [1939 c 54 s 6; no RRS.]

**RCW 67.08.055 Simultaneous or closed circuit telecasts—Report—Event fee.** Every licensee who charges and receives an admission fee for exhibiting a simultaneous telecast of any live, current, or spontaneous boxing or sparring match, or wrestling exhibition or show on a closed circuit telecast viewed within this state shall, within seventy-two hours after such event, furnish to the department a verified written report on a form which is supplied by the department showing the number of tickets issued or sold, and the gross receipts therefor without any deductions whatsoever. Such licensee shall also, at the same time, pay to the department an event fee to be determined by the director pursuant to RCW 67.08.105. In no event, however, shall the event fee be less than twenty-five dollars. The event fee shall be immediately paid by the department into the business and professions account under RCW 43.24.150. [2009 c 429 s 2; 1993 c 278 s 16; 1989 c 127 s 15; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 48 s 5.]

**RCW 67.08.060 Inspectors—Duties—Fee and travel expenses for attending events.** The department may appoint official inspectors at least one of which, in the absence of a member of the department, shall be present at any event held under the provisions of this chapter. Such inspectors shall carry a card signed by the director evidencing their authority. It shall be their duty to see that all rules of the department and the provisions of this chapter are strictly complied with and to be present at the accounting of the gross receipts of any event, and such inspector is authorized to receive from the licensee conducting the event the statement of receipts herein provided for and to immediately transmit such reports to the department. Each inspector shall receive a fee and travel expenses from the promoter to be set by the director for each event officially attended. [1997 c 205 s 7; 1993 c 278 s 17; 1989 c 127 s 16; 1988 c 19 s 2; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 154; 1959 c 305 s 4; 1933 c 184 s 12; RRS s 8276-12.]

**Effective date—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34:** See notes following RCW 2.08.115.

**RCW 67.08.080 Rounds and bouts limited—Weight of gloves—Rules.**

A boxing event held in this state may not be for more than ten rounds and no one round of any bout shall be scheduled for longer than three minutes and there shall be not less than one minute intermission between each round. In the event of bouts involving state, regional, national, or world championships, the department may grant an extension of no more than two additional rounds to allow total bouts of twelve rounds. A contestant in any boxing event under this chapter may not be permitted to wear gloves weighing less than eight ounces. The director shall adopt rules to assure clean and sporting conduct on the part of all contestants and officials, and the orderly and proper conduct of the event in all respects, and to otherwise make rules consistent with this chapter, but such rules shall apply only to events held under the provisions of this chapter. The director may adopt rules with respect to round and bout limitations and clean and sporting conduct for kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events. [2013 c 23 s 177; 1999 c 282 s 5; 1997 c 205 s 8; 1993 c 278 s 18; 1989 c 127 s 8; 1974 ex.s. c 45 s 1; 1959 c 305 s 5; 1933 c 184 s 14; RRS s 8276-14.]

**RCW 67.08.090 Physician's attendance—Examination of contestants**

**—Urinalysis.** (1) Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts events shall be examined within twenty-four hours before the contest by an event physician licensed by the department. The event physician shall report in writing and over his or her signature before the event the physical condition of each and every contestant to the inspector present at such contest. No contestant whose physical condition is not approved by the event physician shall be permitted to participate in any event. Blank forms for event physicians' reports shall be provided by the department and all questions upon such blanks shall be answered in full. The event physician shall be paid a fee and travel expenses by the promoter.

(2) The department may require that an event physician be present at a wrestling event. The promoter shall pay the event physician present at a wrestling event. A boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event may not be held unless an event physician licensed by the department is present throughout the event. In addition to the event physician, an event chiropractor may be included as a licensed official at a boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event. The promoter shall pay the event chiropractor present at a boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event.

(3) Any physician licensed under RCW 67.08.100 may be selected by the department as the event physician. The event physician present at any contest shall have authority to stop any event when in the event physician's opinion it would be dangerous to a contestant to continue, and in such event it shall be the event physician's duty to stop the event.

(4) The department may have a participant in a wrestling event examined by an event physician licensed by the department prior to the event. A participant in a wrestling event whose condition is not approved by the event physician shall not be permitted to participate in the event.

(5) Each contestant for boxing, kickboxing, martial arts, or wrestling events may be subject to a random urinalysis or chemical test within twenty-four hours before or after a contest. In addition



to the unprofessional conduct specified in RCW 18.235.130, an applicant or licensee who refuses or fails to submit to the urinalysis or chemical test is subject to disciplinary action under RCW 18.235.110. If the urinalysis or chemical test is positive for substances prohibited by rules adopted by the director, the applicant or licensee has engaged in unprofessional conduct and disciplinary action may be taken under RCW 18.235.110. [2012 c 99 s 5. Prior: 2002 c 147 s 2; 2002 c 86 s 308; 1999 c 282 s 6; 1997 c 205 s 9; 1993 c 278 s 19; 1989 c 127 s 9; 1933 c 184 s 15; RRS s 8276-15.]

**Effective date—2002 c 147:** See note following RCW 67.08.002.

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.100 Annual licenses—Fees—Qualifications—Revocation—Exceptions.** (1) The department upon receipt of a properly completed application and payment of a nonrefundable fee, may grant an annual license to an applicant for the following: (a) Promoter; (b) manager; (c) boxer; (d) second; (e) wrestling participant; (f) inspector; (g) judge; (h) timekeeper; (i) announcer; (j) event physician; (k) event chiropractor; (l) referee; (m) matchmaker; (n) kickboxer; (o) martial arts participant; (p) training facility; (q) amateur sanctioning organization; and (r) theatrical wrestling school.

(2) The application for the following types of licenses includes a physical performed by a physician, as defined in RCW 67.08.002, which was performed by the physician with a time period preceding the application as specified by rule: (a) Boxer; (b) wrestling participant; (c) kickboxer; (d) martial arts participant; and (e) referee.

(3) An applicant for the following types of licenses for the sports of boxing, kickboxing, and martial arts must provide annual proof of certification as having adequate experience, skill, and training from an organization approved by the department, including, but not limited to, the association of boxing commissions, the international boxing federation, the international boxing organization, the Washington state association of professional ring officials, the world boxing association, the world boxing council, or the world boxing organization for boxing officials, and the united full contact federation for kickboxing and martial arts officials: (a) Judge; (b) referee; (c) inspector; (d) timekeeper; or (e) other officials deemed necessary by the department.

(4) No person may participate or serve in any of the above capacities unless licensed as provided in this chapter.

(5) The referees, judges, timekeepers, event physicians, chiropractors, and inspectors for any boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event must be designated by the department from among licensed officials.

(6) The referee for any wrestling event must be provided by the promoter and must be licensed as a wrestling participant.

(7) The department must immediately suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person

who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license or certificate is automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

(8) A person may not be issued a license if the person has an unpaid fine outstanding to the department.

(9) A person may not be issued a license unless they are at least eighteen years of age.

(10)(a) This section does not apply to:

(i) Contestants or participants in events at which only amateurs are engaged in contests;

(ii) Wrestling participants engaged in training or a wrestling show at a theatrical wrestling school; and

(iii) Fraternal organizations and/or veterans' organizations chartered by congress or the defense department, excluding any recognized amateur sanctioning body recognized by the department.

(b) Upon request of the department, a promoter, contestant, or participant must provide sufficient information to reasonably determine whether this chapter applies. [2018 c 199 s 102; 2017 c 46 s 3; 2012 c 99 s 6. Prior: 2002 c 147 s 3; 2002 c 86 s 309; 2001 c 246 s 1; 1999 c 282 s 7; prior: 1997 c 205 s 10; 1997 c 58 s 864; 1993 c 278 s 20; 1989 c 127 s 10; 1959 c 305 s 6; 1933 c 184 s 16; RRS s 8276-16. FORMER PART OF SECTION: 1933 c 184 s 20, part; RRS s 8276-20, part, now codified in RCW 67.08.025.]

**Findings—Intent—2018 c 199:** "The legislature finds that an educated workforce is essential for the state's economic development. By 2020 seventy percent of available jobs in Washington will require at least a postsecondary credential. According to the 2015 A Skilled and Educated Workforce report, bachelor degree production in high-demand fields, such as science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health, does not meet the demand of Washington's employers. The state has also set educational attainment goals to recognize the need and benefits of an educated workforce. College degree holders have higher incomes, better financial health, and are more likely to be homeowners than those who do not have college degrees. In fact, young adults aged twenty-two to thirty-five with a college degree are fifty percent more likely to own a home than those without a degree.

However, the legislature finds that the cost of higher education has risen dramatically in recent years. Between 2003 and 2013, the price index of tuition rose eighty percent, three times the increase in the consumer price index and nearly double the increase in the medical price index over the same period. The legislature also finds that students are financing their education with more student loan debt. According to the institute for college access and success' project on student debt, in 2014 fifty-eight percent of recent graduates in Washington had debt, and the average federal student loan debt load for a student graduating from a four-year public or private institution of higher education was twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars. This is an increase of forty-two percent since 2004, when the average debt load was seventeen thousand four hundred dollars. These averages do not take into account additional private loans that many students take out to supplement their federal loans.

Student loan debt can greatly impact the economic benefits of earning a college degree. Surveys indicate that people burdened by student loan debt are less likely to buy a home; get married and start a family; start a small business; pursue lower paying professions such as teaching, nonprofit work, or social work; or even continue their education. The legislature finds that these decisions create a chain reaction of economic and social impact to the state.

The legislature recognizes that student loan debt is very different from other forms of debt, such as auto loans and home mortgages, for a variety of reasons. With most debt, borrowers know beforehand how much their monthly payment will be. However, student loans are more complicated because a student may borrow different amounts term to term and make decisions on an incremental basis as their financial aid packages, work, and living situations change. In addition, student loans may have origination fees, accumulated and capitalized interest, grace and forbearance periods, and income-based repayment options that all change the monthly payment amount. The legislature recognizes that another major difference with student loan debt is the unknown factor: Students take out the debt without having a clear idea of their future income and other financial obligations. Lastly, if a student has trouble repaying a student loan, the loans are not secured with physical property that can be sold, and in the event of bankruptcy, are nearly impossible to discharge.

According to the United States department of education, Washington students are defaulting on their federal student loans at roughly the same rate as the national average. For the cohort that entered into repayment on their federal student loans in 2013, ten percent, or seven thousand seven hundred forty-six students, fell into default during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, just under the national average of eleven percent.

The consequences of default can haunt student loan borrowers for years unless they are able to rehabilitate their loans. These consequences may include suspension of the borrower's professional license; excessive contact from collection agencies; garnishment of wages and bank accounts; as well as seizing of the borrower's tax refund and other federal payments, such as social security retirement, and disability benefits. Defaulting on a student loan damages a borrower's credit, making it difficult to qualify for a mortgage or auto loan, rent an apartment, and even find employment, closing people off from the resources they need for financial stability.

The legislature acknowledges that the state currently allows regulators of twenty-six professions to suspend the professional licenses or certificates of student loan borrowers who have defaulted on their loans. In 2015 the department of licensing reported one hundred ten license suspensions for student loan default within the eleven professions it regulates, most of which were in the field of cosmetology. Twenty-one states have similar laws, but recently some states have repealed their laws or introduced legislation to do so, recognizing that license suspension hinders a borrower's ability to repay. It is the legislature's intent to repeal the statutes regarding professional license or certificate suspension and intends for those who had their license or certificate suspended to be eligible to have their license or certificate reinstated.

The legislature also finds that Washington state has high postjudgment interest rates and generous wage and bank account garnishment rates that negatively impact private student loan borrowers who default. Studies indicate that wage and bank account

garnishment contributes to financial and employment instability, unemployment, bankruptcy, homelessness, and chronic stress. Washington's high interest and garnishment rates also increase the courts' caseload by making it more attractive for lenders of private student loans to sue a borrower in court and obtain a judgment than to negotiate an agreement or settlement with the borrower.

Washington state's postjudgment interest rate was set at twelve percent in 1980 when the prime interest rate was fifteen percent. The current prime interest rate stands at three and one-half percent. In addition, the state's current postjudgment rate on torts is around three percent.

Regarding wage garnishment, many states, such as Texas, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina do not allow for wage garnishment for consumer debt. For federal student loans, the department of education can garnish up to fifteen percent of a borrower's disposable income, but not more than thirty times the minimum wage. In Washington, a borrower can have twenty-five percent of his or her disposable earnings garnished, or thirty-five times the federal minimum wage. As for bank account exemptions, Massachusetts protects two thousand five hundred dollars from garnishment compared to Washington's current exemption of five hundred dollars. To put this figure into perspective, the average rent in the Seattle metropolitan area is two thousand eighty-seven dollars.

Therefore, it is the legislature's intent to help student loan borrowers in default avoid loss of professional license or certification, which hinders repayment. It is also the legislature's intent to help student loan borrowers in default to maintain financial stability and to avoid the hardships of bank account and wage garnishment by making the postjudgment interest rate for private student loan debt more comparable to the market rate and by increasing the exemptions for bank account and wage garnishments." [2018 c 199 s 1.]

**Short title—2018 c 199:** "This act may be known and cited as the student opportunity, assistance, and relief act." [2018 c 199 s 301.]

**Findings—2017 c 46:** See note following RCW 67.08.330.

**Effective date—2002 c 147:** See note following RCW 67.08.002.

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**Short title—Part headings, captions, table of contents not law—Exemptions and waivers from federal law—Conflict with federal requirements—Severability—1997 c 58:** See RCW 74.08A.900 through 74.08A.904.

**Effective dates—Intent—1997 c 58:** See notes following RCW 74.20A.320.

**RCW 67.08.105 License, renewal, and event fees.** The department shall set license, renewal, and event fees by rule in amounts that,

pursuant to the fee policy established in RCW 43.24.086, when combined with all license and fee revenue under this chapter, are sufficient to defray the costs of the department in administering this chapter. [2009 c 429 s 3; 1999 c 282 s 1.]

**RCW 67.08.110 Unprofessional conduct—Sham or fake event. (1)**

Any person or any member of any group of persons or corporation promoting events who shall participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee of any manager of any participants or any participant and any licensee who shall conduct or participate in any sham or fake event has engaged in unprofessional conduct and is subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110.

(2) A manager of any boxer, kickboxer, or martial arts participant who allows any person or any group of persons or corporation promoting boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts events to participate directly or indirectly in the purse or fee, or any boxer, kickboxer, or martial arts participant or other licensee who conducts or participates in any sham or fake boxing, kickboxing, or martial arts event has engaged in unprofessional conduct and is subject to the sanctions specified in RCW 18.235.110. [2012 c 99 s 7; 2002 c 86 s 310; 1999 c 282 s 8; 1997 c 205 s 11; 1993 c 278 s 21; 1989 c 127 s 11; 1933 c 184 s 17; RRS s 8276-17.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.130 Failure to make report—Additional tax—Hearing—Disciplinary action.** Whenever any licensee shall fail to make a report of any event within the time prescribed by this chapter or when such report is unsatisfactory to the department, the director may examine the books and records of such licensee; he or she may subpoena and examine under oath any officer of such licensee and such other person or persons as he or she may deem necessary to a determination of the total gross receipts from any event and the amount of tax thereon. If, upon the completion of such examination it shall be determined that an additional tax is due, notice thereof shall be served upon the licensee, providing the licensee with an opportunity to request a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW. The failure to request a hearing within twenty days of service of the notice constitutes a default, whereupon the director will enter a decision on the facts available. Failure to pay such additional tax within twenty days after service of a final order constitutes unprofessional conduct and the licensee may be subject to disciplinary action against its license and shall be disqualified from receiving any new license. [2002 c 86 s 311; 1997 c 205 s 13; 1993 c 278 s 23; 1933 c 184 s 19; RRS s 8276-19.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.140 Penalty for conducting events without license—Penalty.** Any person, club, corporation, organization, association, fraternal society, participant, or promoter conducting or participating in boxing or wrestling events within this state without having first obtained a license therefor in the manner provided by this chapter is in violation of this chapter and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor excepting the events excluded from the operation of this chapter by RCW 67.08.015. [2002 c 86 s 312; 1997 c 205 s 14; 1993 c 278 s 24; 1989 c 127 s 17; 1988 c 19 s 3; 1959 c 305 s 7; 1951 c 48 s 1; 1933 c 184 s 22; RRS s 8276-22.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.150 General penalty.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter for which no penalty is herein provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. [1933 c 184 s 24; RRS s 8276-24.]

**RCW 67.08.160 Ambulance or paramedical unit at location.** (1) A promoter must have an ambulance or paramedical unit present at the event location. [2017 c 46 s 4; 1999 c 282 s 10; 1989 c 127 s 2.]

**Findings—2017 c 46:** See note following RCW 67.08.330.

**RCW 67.08.170 Security—Promoter's responsibility.** A promoter shall ensure that adequate security personnel are in attendance at an event to control fans in attendance. The size of the security force shall be determined by mutual agreement of the promoter, the person in charge of operating the arena or other facility, and the department. [2012 c 99 s 8; 1997 c 205 s 15; 1993 c 278 s 25; 1989 c 127 s 3.]

**RCW 67.08.180 Unprofessional conduct—Prohibited acts.** In addition to the unprofessional conduct specified in RCW 18.235.130, the following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken:

(1) Destruction of any ticket or ticket stub, whether sold or unsold, within three months after the date of any event, by any promoter or person associated with or employed by any promoter.

(2) The deliberate cutting of himself or herself or other self mutilation by a wrestling participant while participating in a wrestling event.

(3) A conviction under chapter 69.50 RCW.

(4) Testing positive for illegal use of a controlled substance as defined in RCW 69.50.101.

(5) The striking of any person that is not a licensed participant at a wrestling event. [2002 c 86 s 313; 1997 c 205 s 16; 1989 c 127 s 4.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.200 Unprofessional conduct—Written complaint—Investigation—Immunity of complainant.** A person, including but not limited to a consumer, licensee, corporation, organization, and state and local governmental agency, may submit a written complaint to the department charging a license holder or applicant with unprofessional conduct and specifying the grounds for the complaint. If the department determines that the complaint merits investigation or if the department has reason to believe, without a formal complaint, that a license holder or applicant may have engaged in unprofessional conduct, the department shall investigate to determine whether there has been unprofessional conduct. A person who files a complaint under this section in good faith is immune from suit in any civil action related to the filing or contents of the complaint. [1997 c 205 s 17.]

**RCW 67.08.220 Unprofessional conduct—Order upon finding—Penalties—Costs.** Upon a finding that a license holder or applicant has committed unprofessional conduct the director may issue an order providing for one or any combination of the following:

- (1) Revocation of the license;
- (2) Suspension of the license for a fixed or indefinite term;
- (3) Requiring the satisfactory completion of a specific program of remedial education;
- (4) Compliance with conditions of probation for a designated period of time;
- (5) Payment of a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars for each violation of this chapter;
- (6) Denial of the license request;
- (7) Corrective action, including paying contestants the contracted purse or compensation; or
- (8) Refund of fees billed to and collected from the consumer.

Any of the actions under this section may be totally or partly stayed by the director. All costs associated with compliance with orders issued under this section are the obligation of the license holder or applicant. [1997 c 205 s 19.]

**RCW 67.08.240 Unprofessional conduct—What constitutes.** The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for a license holder or applicant under this chapter:

- (1) Conviction of a gross misdemeanor, felony, or the commission of an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption whether the act constitutes a crime or not. If the act constitutes a crime, conviction in a criminal proceeding is not a condition precedent to disciplinary action. Upon such a conviction, however, the judgment and sentence is conclusive evidence at the ensuing disciplinary hearing of the guilt of the license holder or applicant of the crime described in the indictment or information, and of the person's violation of the statute on which it is based. For the purposes of this section, conviction includes all instances in which a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for the conviction and all proceedings in

which the sentence has been deferred or suspended. This section does not abrogate rights guaranteed under chapter 9.96 RCW;

(2) Misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in obtaining a license or in reinstatement of a license;

(3) Advertising that is false, fraudulent, or misleading;

(4) Incompetence or negligence that results in injury to a person or that creates an unreasonable risk that a person may be harmed;

(5) Suspension, revocation, or restriction of a license to act as a professional or amateur athletic licensee by competent authority in a state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, a certified copy of the order, stipulation, or agreement being conclusive evidence of the revocation, suspension, or restriction;

(6) Violation of a statute or administrative rule regulating professional or amateur athletics;

(7) Failure to cooperate with the department's investigations by:

(a) Not furnishing papers or documents;

(b) Not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation regarding a matter under investigation by the department; or

(c) Not responding to subpoenas issued by the department, whether or not the recipient of the subpoena is the subject of the proceeding;

(8) Failure to comply with an order issued by the director or an assurance of discontinuance entered into by the director;

(9) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to act in a manner that requires a professional or amateur athletics license;

(10) Misrepresentation or fraud in any aspect of the conduct of a professional athletics or amateur event; and

(11) Interference with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by willful misrepresentation of facts before the department or by the use of threats or harassment against any person to prevent them from providing evidence in a disciplinary proceeding or other legal action. [2012 c 99 s 9; 1997 c 205 s 21.]

**RCW 67.08.300 Immunity of director and director's agents.** The director or individuals acting on the director's behalf are immune from suit in an action, civil or criminal, based on official acts performed in the course of their duties in the administration and enforcement of this chapter. [2002 c 86 s 314; 1997 c 205 s 24.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.

**RCW 67.08.310 Uniform regulation of business and professions act.** The uniform regulation of business and professions act, chapter 18.235 RCW, governs unlicensed practice, the issuance and denial of licenses, and the discipline of licensees under this chapter. [2002 c 86 s 315.]

**Effective dates—2002 c 86:** See note following RCW 18.08.340.

**Part headings not law—Severability—2002 c 86:** See RCW 18.235.902 and 18.235.903.



**RCW 67.08.320 Military training or experience.** An applicant with military training or experience satisfies the training or experience requirements of this chapter unless the director determines that the military training or experience is not substantially equivalent to the standards of this state. [2011 c 351 s 21.]

**RCW 67.08.321 Spouses of military personnel—Licensure.** The director shall develop rules consistent with RCW 18.340.020 for the licensure of spouses of military personnel. [2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 8.]

**Implementation—2011 2nd sp.s. c 5:** See note following RCW 18.340.010.

**RCW 67.08.330 Theatrical wrestling schools—Wrestling shows.**

(1) A theatrical wrestling school may hold wrestling shows at the school facility for training purposes and may charge an admission fee without a promoter license.

(2) A theatrical wrestling school may hold a limited number of wrestling shows for training purposes off the school premises and may charge a fee without a promoter license.

(3) Any wrestling show presented by a theatrical wrestling school must feature at least eighty percent amateur participants and must have an ambulance or paramedical unit or an emergency medical technician licensed under RCW 18.73.081 at the event location.

(4) The department must promulgate rules to implement this section. [2017 c 46 s 2.]

**Findings—2017 c 46:** "(1) The legislature finds that theatrical wrestling, like circus arts, is an art form that promotes the economic and cultural vitality of the state of Washington. Theatrical wrestling has a long history in Washington, and while large-scale professional wrestling companies have dominated the field in recent years, independent theatrical wrestling again has the potential to thrive in this state. Legislation and rule making should reflect the economic and cultural potential of theatrical wrestling.

(2) The legislature further finds that theatrical wrestling can be safe for both participants and spectators. Safety requirements aimed at more dangerous and daring forms of sport and entertainment are unduly burdensome on theatrical wrestling promoters. Additionally, it is important to adequately train the next generation of theatrical wrestlers to foster safety and skill in theatrical wrestling.

(3) The legislature finds that a theatrical wrestling school license will create opportunity for a new generation of luchadores, faces, and heels to create economic and cultural vitality in Washington. Finally, reducing the medical personnel requirement for wrestling shows will preserve the safety of participants and spectators while fostering the ability of independent theatrical wrestling promoters to build an audience in Washington and create new artistic opportunities for Washington residents.

(4) The legislature finds that Washington is ready to rumble." [2017 c 46 s 5.]

**RCW 67.08.902 Effective date—1993 c 278.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1993. [1993 c 278 s 28.]

**Chapter 67.12 RCW**  
**DANCING, BILLIARDS, POOL, AND BOWLING**

**Sections**

- 67.12.021 Licenses for public dances and public recreational or entertainment activities—Fees.
- 67.12.110 License required for rural pool halls, billiard halls, and bowling alleys.

*Regulations of places of amusement by cities and towns, see under applicable class of city or town: Title 35 RCW and RCW 35A.11.020.*

**RCW 67.12.021 Licenses for public dances and public recreational or entertainment activities—Fees.** Counties are authorized to adopt ordinances to license and regulate public dances and other public recreational or entertainment activities in the unincorporated areas of the county whether or not held inside or outside of a building and whether or not admission charges are imposed.

License fees may be adequate to finance the costs of issuing the license and enforcing the regulations, including related law enforcement activities. [1987 c 250 s 1.]

**RCW 67.12.110 License required for rural pool halls, billiard halls, and bowling alleys.** The county legislative authority of each county in the state of Washington shall have sole and exclusive authority and power to regulate, restrain, license, or prohibit the maintenance or running of pool halls, billiard halls, and bowling alleys outside of the incorporated limits of each incorporated city, town, or village in their respective counties: PROVIDED, That the annual license fee for maintenance or running such pool halls, billiard halls, and bowling alleys shall be fixed in accordance with RCW 36.32.120(3), and which license fee shall be paid annually in advance to the appropriate county official: PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing herein or elsewhere shall be so construed as to prevent the county legislative authority from revoking any license at any time prior to the expiration thereof for any cause by such county legislative authority deemed proper. And if said county legislative authority revokes said license it shall refund the unearned portion of such license. [1985 c 91 s 10; 1909 c 112 s 1; RRS s 8289.]

*Licensing under 1873 act: Chapter 67.14 RCW.*

**Chapter 67.14 RCW**  
**BILLIARD TABLES, BOWLING ALLEYS, AND MISCELLANEOUS GAMES—1873 ACT**

**Sections**

- 67.14.010      Hawkers and auctioneers must procure license—Exceptions.
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- 67.14.110      Druggists excepted.
- 67.14.120      Disposition of fees, fines, and forfeitures.

**Reviser's note:** The territorial act codified in this chapter, though for the most part obsolete, has never been expressly repealed. "An Act in relation to licenses," it empowers the county commissioners to license hawkers and auctioneers, persons dealing in intoxicating liquors, and persons conducting bowling alleys, billiard tables and other games. The auctioneer sections have been codified as RCW 36.71.070 and 36.71.080. As to the sections relating to intoxicating liquors, it seems clear that this field has been preempted by the state; see RCW 66.08.120. For a later enactment concerning the licensing of rural pool halls, billiard halls, and bowling alleys, see RCW 67.12.110.

*Alcoholic beverage control: Title 66 RCW.*

**RCW 67.14.010    Hawkers and auctioneers must procure license—  
Exceptions.**    See RCW 36.71.070.

**RCW 67.14.020    Sale or other disposition of liquor—County  
license—Penalty.**    If any person shall sell or dispose of any spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors or wines, in any quantity less than one gallon, without first obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided, such person shall, for each and every such offense, be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, with costs of prosecution. [1873 p 437 s 2; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 26 s 2.]

**RCW 67.14.030    Hawkers and auctioneers—Issuance of license.**    See RCW 36.71.080.

**RCW 67.14.040    Retail liquor license.**    The legislative authorities of each county, in their respective counties, shall have the power to grant license to persons to keep drinking houses or saloons therein, at which spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors and

wines may be sold in less quantities than one gallon; and such license shall be called a retail license upon the payment, by the person applying for such license, of the sum of three hundred dollars a year into the county treasury, and the execution of a good and sufficient bond, executed to such county in the sum of one thousand dollars, to be approved by such legislative authority or the county auditor of the county in which such license is granted, conditioned that he or she will keep such drinking saloon or house in a quiet, peaceable, and orderly manner: PROVIDED, The foregoing shall not be so construed as to prevent the legislative authority of any county from granting licenses to drinking saloons or houses therein, when there is but little business doing, for less than three hundred dollars, but in no case for less than one hundred dollars per annum: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That such license shall be used only in the precinct to which it shall be granted; PROVIDED FURTHER, That no license shall be used in more than one place at the same time. AND FURTHER PROVIDED, That no license shall be granted to any person to retail spirituous liquors until he or she shall furnish to the legislative authority satisfactory proof that he or she is a person of good moral character. [2012 c 117 s 302; 1973 1st ex.s. c 154 s 100; 1875 p 124 s 1; 1873 p 438 s 4; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 26 s 4.]

**Severability—1973 1st ex.s. c 154:** See note following RCW 2.12.030.

**RCW 67.14.050 Wholesale liquor license—Billiard table, bowling alley licenses.** Said county commissioners in their respective counties shall also have power to grant licenses to sell spirituous liquors and wines therein in greater quantities than one gallon, to be called a wholesale license upon payment of the sum of not to exceed one hundred dollars per annum into the county treasury by such person so desiring such license; also, upon payment of not to exceed a like sum into the county treasury by any person desiring a grocery license to sell lager beer to grant such person such license to sell for the period of one year. Also, upon the payment of such sum as the county commissioners may establish and fix, by order duly entered in the record of their proceedings, not exceeding twenty-five dollars per annum for each billiard table, pigeon-hole table, or bowling alley, grant a license to any person applying for the same and giving such bond not exceeding two hundred dollars, as such commissioners may require: PROVIDED, No person shall be required to take out any license to sell any wine made from fruit produced by such person's own labor, in this territory. [1873 p 438 s 5; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 26-27 s 5.]

*License required for rural pool halls, billiard halls and bowling alleys: RCW 67.12.110.*

**RCW 67.14.060 Liquor sales, keeping games, without license—Penalty.** Any person who shall sell spirituous liquors or wines in greater quantities than one gallon, or shall retail lager beer, or keep a billiard table or tables, or bowling alley or alleys for hire, in any county in this territory, without first taking out a license therefor, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction

thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars nor less than five dollars, and shall be committed to the county jail of the county where such offense may be committed, and be placed at hard labor until such fine and cost shall be paid or they may otherwise be discharged by due course of law. [1873 p 439 s 6; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 27 s 6; RRS s 8290. Formerly RCW 67.12.120.]

**RCW 67.14.070 Purchase of license—Bond.** Any person desiring a license to do any business provided by this chapter that a license shall be taken out for doing, shall have the same granted by paying to the county treasurer of the county where he or she wishes to carry on such business the maximum sum that the county commissioners are by this chapter authorized to fix therefor, and executing such bond, to be approved by the county auditor, as is provided in this chapter, shall be given before license shall issue for carrying on such business. [2012 c 117 s 303; 1873 p 439 s 7; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 27 s 7.]

**RCW 67.14.080 Duration of license.** The licenses authorized to be granted by this chapter shall at the option of the person applying for the same, be granted for six, nine, or twelve months, and the person holding such license may transact the business thereby authorized at any place in the county where such license is granted: PROVIDED, That such business shall not be transacted in but one place in the county at a time. [1873 p 439 s 8; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 27 s 8.]

**RCW 67.14.090 Issuance of license.** Upon presentation to the county auditor of any county of the certificate of the county treasurer that any person has paid into the county treasury the amount provided by this chapter, to be paid for the transaction of any business that a license may be granted to transact, and for the time provided in this chapter, and upon the execution and delivery to such auditor of the bond hereinbefore required, it shall be the duty of such county auditor to issue such license to such person so presenting such certificate, executing and delivering such bond and making application therefor, for the period of time that the money as shown by the treasurer's certificate would entitle the person so presenting the same to have a license issued for. [1873 p 439 s 9; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 27 s 9.]

**RCW 67.14.100 When contrivance deemed kept for hire.** Any person who shall keep a billiard table or tables, pigeon-hole, Jenny Lind, and all other gaming tables, or bowling alley or bowling alleys in a drinking saloon or house or in a room or building adjoining or attached thereto, and shall allow the same to be used by two or more persons to determine by play thereon which of the persons so playing shall pay for drinks, cigars, or other articles for sale in such saloon or drinking house, shall, within the meaning of this chapter, be deemed to be keeping the same for hire. [1873 p 440 s 10; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 27-28 s 10; RRS s 8291. Formerly RCW 67.12.130.]

**RCW 67.14.110 Druggists excepted.** None of the provisions of this chapter shall be held to apply to the sale by apothecaries or druggists of spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors or wines for medicinal purposes, upon the prescription of a practicing physician. [1873 p 440 s 11; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 28 s 11.]

**RCW 67.14.120 Disposition of fees, fines, and forfeitures.** All fines and forfeitures collected under this chapter, and all moneys paid into the treasury of any county for licenses as aforesaid, shall be applied to school or county purposes as the local laws of such county may direct: PROVIDED, That this chapter shall not affect or apply to any private or local laws upon the subject of license in any county in this territory except King county, and no license shall be construed to mean more than the house or saloon kept by the same party or parties: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That no part of this chapter shall in any way apply to the county of Island: AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, That all moneys for licenses within the corporate limits of the town of Olympia shall be paid directly into the town treasury of said town as a municipal fund for the use of said town: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That all fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of a state law shall be remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW as now exists or is later amended. [1987 c 202 s 226; 1969 ex.s. c 199 s 29; 1873 p 440 s 12; Code 1881, Bagley's Supp. p 28 s 12.]

**Intent—1987 c 202:** See note following RCW 2.04.190.

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**RCW 67.16.010 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Commission" means the Washington horse racing commission, hereinafter created.

(2) "Parimutuel machine" means both machines at the track and machines at the satellite locations, that record parimutuel bets and compute the payoff.

(3) "Parimutuel wagering" means a form of wagering on the outcome of a horse race or horse races in which all wagers are pooled and held by a parimutuel pool host for distribution of the total amount, less deductions authorized by law, to holders of tickets on the winning contestants.

(4) "Person" means individuals, firms, corporations, and associations.

(5) "Race meet" means any exhibition of thoroughbred, quarter horse, paint horse, Appaloosa horse racing, Arabian horse racing, or standard bred harness horse racing, where the parimutuel system is used. [2025 c 89 s 1; 2004 c 246 s 5; 1991 c 270 s 1; 1985 c 146 s 1; 1982 c 132 s 1; 1969 c 22 s 1; 1949 c 236 s 1; 1933 c 55 s 1; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 8312-1.]

**Effective date—2004 c 246:** See note following RCW 67.16.270.

**Severability—1985 c 146:** "If any provisions or application of any provisions of this chapter are invalidated by a court of law, the remainder of the chapter shall not be affected." [1985 c 146 s 15.]

**Severability—1982 c 132:** "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 132 s 6.]

**RCW 67.16.012 Washington horse racing commission—Creation—Terms—Vacancies—Bonds—Oaths.** There is hereby created the Washington horse racing commission, to consist of three commissioners, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The commissioners shall be citizens, residents, and qualified electors of the state of Washington. The terms of the members shall be six years. Each member shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies in the office of commissioner shall be filled by appointment to be made by the governor for the unexpired term. Any commissioner may be removed at any time at the pleasure of the

governor. Before entering upon the duties of his or her office, each commissioner shall enter into a surety company bond, to be approved by the governor and attorney general, payable to the state of Washington, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his or her duties and the correct accounting and payment of all sums received and coming within his or her control under this chapter, and in addition thereto each commissioner shall take and subscribe to an oath of office of the same form as that prescribed by law for elective state officers. [2025 c 89 s 2; 2011 1st sp.s. c 21 s 13; 1998 c 345 s 4; 1987 c 453 s 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 216 s 1; 1969 ex.s. c 233 s 1; 1933 c 55 s 2; RRS s 8312-2. Formerly RCW 43.50.010.]

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 21:** See note following RCW 72.23.025.

**Severability—Effective date—Contingent effective date—1998 c 345:** See notes following RCW 15.04.090.

**Severability—Repeal—1933 c 55:** "In case any part or portion of this act shall be held unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any other part or portion of this act not adjudged unconstitutional. All acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed." [1933 c 55 s 10.]

**RCW 67.16.014 Washington horse racing commission—Ex officio nonvoting members.** In addition to the commission members appointed under RCW 67.16.012, there shall be four ex officio nonvoting members consisting of: (1) Two members of the senate, one from the majority political party and one from the minority political party, both to be appointed by the president of the senate; and (2) two members of the house of representatives, one from the majority political party and one from the minority political party, both to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The appointments shall be for the term of two years or for the period in which the appointee serves as a legislator, whichever expires first. Members may be reappointed, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made. The ex officio members shall assist in the policy making, rather than administrative, functions of the commission, and shall collect data deemed essential to future legislative proposals and exchange information with the commission. The ex officio members shall be deemed engaged in legislative business while in attendance upon the business of the commission and shall be limited to such allowances therefor as otherwise provided in RCW 44.04.120, the same to be paid from the horse racing commission fund as being expenses relative to commission business. [1991 c 270 s 2; 1987 c 453 s 3.]

**RCW 67.16.015 Washington horse racing commission—Organization—Secretary—Records—Annual reports.** The commission shall organize by electing one of its members chair, and shall appoint and employ a secretary, and such other clerical, office, and other help as is necessary in the performance of the duties imposed upon it by this chapter. The commission shall keep detailed records of all meetings

and of the business transacted therein, and of all the collections and disbursements. The commission shall prepare and submit an annual report to the governor. All records of the commission shall be public records and as such, subject to public inspection. [2012 c 117 s 304; 1977 c 75 s 80; 1933 c 55 s 3; RRS s 8312-3. Formerly RCW 43.50.020.]

**RCW 67.16.017 Washington horse racing commission—Compensation and travel expenses.** Each member of the Washington horse racing commission shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 in going to, attending, and returning from meetings of the commission, and travel expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties as may be requested of him or her by a majority vote of the commission, but in no event shall a commissioner be paid in any one fiscal year in excess of one hundred twenty days, except the chair of the commission who may be paid for not more than one hundred fifty days. [2012 c 117 s 305; 1984 c 287 s 100; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 155; 1969 ex.s. c 233 s 2.]

**Legislative findings—Severability—Effective date—1984 c 287:**  
See notes following RCW 43.03.220.

**Effective date—Severability—1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 34:** See notes following RCW 2.08.115.

**RCW 67.16.020 Duties of commission—Race meet license—Suspension.** (1) It shall be the duty of the commission, as soon as it is possible after its organization, to prepare and promulgate a complete set of rules and regulations to govern the race meets in this state. It shall determine and announce the place, time and duration of race meets for which license fees are exacted; and it shall be the duty of each person holding a license under the authority of this chapter, and every owner, trainer, jockey, and attendant at any racecourse in this state, to comply with all rules and regulations promulgated and all orders issued by the commission. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold any race meet without having first obtained and having in force and effect a license issued by the commission as in this chapter provided; and it shall be unlawful for any owner, trainer or jockey to participate in race meets in this state without first securing a license therefor from the state [horse] racing commission, the fee for which shall be set by the commission which shall offset the cost of administration and shall not be for a period exceeding one year.

(2) The commission shall immediately suspend the license of a person who has been certified under RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for a license under this chapter during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the department's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the support order. The procedure in RCW 74.20A.320 is the exclusive administrative remedy for contesting the establishment of noncompliance with a child support order, and suspension of a license under this subsection, and

satisfies the requirements of RCW 34.05.422. [2000 c 86 s 5; 1989 c 385 s 5; 1985 c 146 s 2; 1982 c 32 s 1; 1933 c 55 s 4; RRS s 8312-4. Formerly RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.030.]

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**Severability—1982 c 32:** "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1982 c 32 s 6.]

**RCW 67.16.040 Commission to regulate and license meets—Inspection.** The commission created by this chapter is hereby authorized, and it shall be its duty, to license, regulate and supervise all race meets held in this state under the terms of this chapter, and to cause the various racecourses of the state to be visited and inspected at least once a year. [1933 c 55 s 5; RRS s 8312-5.]

**RCW 67.16.045 Criminal history records—Dissemination.** The commission is authorized to receive criminal history record information that includes nonconviction data for any purpose associated with the investigation for suitability for involvement in horse racing activities authorized under this chapter. Dissemination or use of nonconviction data for purposes other than that authorized in this section is prohibited. [2000 c 204 s 1.]

**RCW 67.16.050 Application for meet—Issuance of license—Fee—Cancellation, grounds, procedure.** Every person making application for license to hold a race meet, under the provisions of this chapter shall file an application with the commission which shall set forth the time, the place, the number of days such meet will continue, and such other information as the commission may require. The commission shall be the sole judge of whether or not the race meet shall be licensed and the number of days the meet shall continue. No person who has been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude shall be issued a license, nor shall any license be issued to any person who has violated the terms or provisions of this chapter, or any of the rules and regulations of the commission made pursuant thereto, or who has failed to pay to the commission any or all sums required under the provisions of this chapter. The license shall specify the number of days the race meet shall continue and the number of races per day, which shall include not less than six live races per day, and for which a fee shall be paid daily in advance of \$500 for each live race day: PROVIDED, That if unforeseen obstacles arise, which prevent the holding, or completion of any race meet, the license fee for the meet, or for a portion which cannot be held may be refunded the licensee, if the commission deems the reasons for failure to hold or complete the race meet sufficient. Any unexpired license held by any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, or any of the rules or regulations of the commission made pursuant thereto, or who fails to pay to the commission any and all sums required under the provisions of this chapter, shall be subject to cancellation and revocation by

the commission. Such cancellation shall be made only after a summary hearing before the commission, of which three days' notice, in writing, shall be given the licensee, specifying the grounds for the proposed cancellation, and at which hearing the licensee shall be given an opportunity to be heard in opposition to the proposed cancellation. [2025 c 89 s 3; 1997 c 87 s 2; 1985 c 146 s 3; 1982 c 32 s 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 39 s 1; 1933 c 55 s 6; RRS s 8312-6.]

**Findings—Purpose—Report by joint legislative audit and review committee—Severability—Effective date—1997 c 87:** See notes following RCW 67.16.200.

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**Severability—1982 c 32:** See note following RCW 67.16.020.

**RCW 67.16.060 Prohibited practices—Parimutuel system permitted—Race meet as public nuisance.** (1) It shall be unlawful:

(a) To conduct pool selling, bookmaking, or to circulate handbooks; or

(b) To bet or wager on any horse race other than by the parimutuel method; or

(c) For any licensee to take more than the percentage provided in RCW 67.16.170 and 67.16.175; or

(d) For any licensee to compute breaks in the parimutuel system at more than ten cents.

(2) Any willful violation of the terms of this chapter, or of any rule, regulation, or order of the commission shall constitute a gross misdemeanor and when such violation is by a person holding a license under this chapter, the commission may cancel the license held by the offender, and such cancellation shall operate as a forfeiture of all rights and privileges granted by the commission and of all sums of money paid to the commission by the offender; and the action of the commission in that respect shall be final.

(3) The commission shall have power to exclude from any and all racecourses of the state of Washington any person whom the commission deems detrimental to the best interests of racing or any person who willfully violates any of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule, regulation, or order issued by the commission.

(4) Every race meet held in this state contrary to the provisions of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. [2008 c 24 s 1; 1991 c 270 s 3; 1985 c 146 s 4; 1979 c 31 s 1; 1933 c 55 s 7; RRS s 8312-7.]

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

*Gambling: Chapters 9.46 and 9.47 RCW.*

**RCW 67.16.065 Use of public assistance electronic benefit cards prohibited—Licensee to report violations.** (1) Any licensee authorized under this chapter is prohibited from allowing the use of public assistance electronic benefit cards for the purpose of parimutuel wagering authorized under this chapter.

(2) Any licensee authorized under this chapter shall report to the department of social and health services any known violations of RCW 74.08.580. [2002 c 252 s 4.]

**RCW 67.16.070 Races for local breeders.** For the purpose of encouraging the breeding, within this state, of valuable thoroughbred, quarter[, ] and/or standard bred racehorses, at least one race of each day's meet shall be offered exclusively for Washington bred horses. [2025 c 89 s 4; 1949 c 236 s 2; 1933 c 55 s 8; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 8312-8.]

**RCW 67.16.075 Breeder's awards and owner's bonuses—Eligibility—Certification.** Only breeders or owners of Washington-bred horses are eligible to demand and receive a breeder's award, an owner's bonus or both. The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to certify Washington-bred horses. In setting standards to certify horses as Washington-bred, the commission shall seek the advice of and consult with industry, including (1) the Washington Horse Breeders' Association, for thoroughbreds; (2) the Washington State Standardbred Association, for standardbred harness horses; (3) the Northern Racing Quarter Horse Association, for quarter horses; (4) the Washington State Appaloosa Racing Association, for Appaloosas; and (5) the Washington State Arabian Horse Racing Association, for Arabian horses. [1985 c 146 s 13.]

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**RCW 67.16.080 Horses to be registered.** A quarter horse to be eligible for a race meet herein shall be duly registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. An Appaloosa horse to be eligible for a race meet herein shall be duly registered with the National Appaloosa Horse Club or any successor thereto. An Arabian horse to be eligible for a race meet herein shall be duly registered with the Arabian Horse Registry of America, or any successor thereto. [1982 c 132 s 2; 1969 c 22 s 2; 1949 c 236 s 3; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 8312-13.]

**Severability—1982 c 132:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**RCW 67.16.090 Races not limited to horses of same breed.** In any race meet in which quarter horses, thoroughbred horses, Appaloosa horses, standard bred harness horses, paint horses, or Arabian horses participate horses of different breeds may be allowed to compete in the same race if such mixed races are so designated in the racing conditions. [1985 c 146 s 5; 1982 c 132 s 3; 1969 c 22 s 3; 1949 c 236 s 4; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 8312-14.]

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**Severability—1982 c 132:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**RCW 67.16.100 Disposition of fees—"Fair fund."** (1) All sums paid to the commission under this chapter, including those sums collected for license fees and excluding those sums collected under RCW 67.16.102 and 67.16.105(3), shall be disposed of by the commission as follows: One hundred percent thereof shall be retained by the commission for the payment of the salaries of its members, secretary, clerical, office, and other help and all expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Any moneys collected or paid to the commission under the terms of this chapter and not expended at the close of the fiscal biennium shall be either dispersed to Washington state registered equestrian nonprofit organizations or recognized equine-related youth organizations through a grant process set up by the commission or paid to the state treasurer and be placed in the fair fund created in RCW 15.76.115. The commission may, with the approval of the office of financial management, retain any sum required for working capital. [2025 c 89 s 5; 1998 c 345 s 5; (2021 c 149 s 1 expired June 30, 2023); 1995 c 399 s 166; 1991 c 270 s 4. Prior: 1985 c 466 s 67; 1985 c 146 s 6; 1980 c 16 s 1; prior: 1979 c 151 s 169; 1979 c 31 s 2; 1977 c 75 s 81; 1965 c 148 s 7; 1955 c 106 s 5; 1947 c 34 s 2; 1941 c 48 s 4; 1935 c 182 s 30; 1933 c 55 s 9; Rem. Supp. 1947 s 8312-9.]

**Expiration date—2021 c 149:** "This act expires June 30, 2023."  
[2021 c 149 s 2.]

**Severability—Effective date—Contingent effective date—1998 c 345:** See notes following RCW 15.04.090.

**Effective date—Severability—1985 c 466:** See notes following RCW 43.31.125.

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**RCW 67.16.101 Legislative finding—Responsibilities of horse racing commission—Availability of interest on one percent of gross receipts to support nonprofit race meets.** The legislature finds that:

(1) A primary responsibility of the horse racing commission is the encouragement of the training and development of the equine industry in the state of Washington whether the result of this training and development results in legalized horse racing or in the recreational use of horses;

(2) The horse racing commission has a further major responsibility to assure that any facility used as a racecourse should be maintained and upgraded to ensure the continued safety of both the public and the horse at any time the facility is used for the training or contesting of these animals;

(3) Nonprofit race meets within the state have difficulty in obtaining sufficient funds to provide the maintenance and upgrading necessary to assure this safety at these facilities, or to permit frequent use of these facilities by 4-H children or other horse owners involved in training; and

(4) The one percent of the parimutuel machine gross receipts used to pay a special purse to the licensed owners of Washington bred horses is available for the purpose of drawing interest, thereby obtaining funds to be disbursed to achieve the necessary support to

these nonprofit race meets. [2025 c 89 s 6; 2006 c 174 s 2; 1977 ex.s. c 372 s 1.]

**Severability—1977 ex.s. c 372:** "If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1977 ex.s. c 372 s 3.]

**RCW 67.16.102 Withholding of additional one percent of gross receipts—Payment to owners—Interest payment on one percent and amount retained by commission.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the licensee shall withhold and shall pay daily to the commission, in addition to the percentages authorized by RCW 67.16.105, one percent of the gross receipts of all parimutuel machines at each race meet which sums shall, at the end of each meet, be paid by the commission to the licensed owners of those Washington bred only horses finishing first, second, third, and fourth at each meet from which the additional one percent is derived in accordance with an equitable distribution formula to be promulgated by the commission prior to the commencement of each race meet: PROVIDED, That nothing in this section shall apply to race meets which are nonprofit in nature, are of ten days or less, and have an average daily handle of less than one hundred twenty thousand dollars.

(2) The additional one percent specified in subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited by the commission in the Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account created in RCW 67.16.275. The interest derived from this account shall be distributed annually on an equal basis to those racecourses at which independent race meets are held which are nonprofit in nature and are of ten days or less. Prior to receiving a payment under this subsection, any new racecourse shall meet the qualifications set forth in this section for a period of two years. All funds distributed under this subsection shall be used for the purpose of maintaining and upgrading the respective racing courses and equine quartering areas of said nonprofit meets.

(3) The commission shall not permit the licensees to take into consideration the benefits derived from this section in establishing purses. [2025 c 89 s 7; 2009 c 87 s 1; 2004 c 246 s 6; 2001 c 53 s 1; 1991 c 270 s 5; 1982 c 132 s 5; 1979 c 31 s 3; 1977 ex.s. c 372 s 2; 1969 ex.s. c 233 s 3.]

**Effective date—2004 c 246:** See note following RCW 67.16.270.

**Severability—1982 c 132:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**Severability—1977 ex.s. c 372:** See note following RCW 67.16.101.

**RCW 67.16.105 Gross receipts—Commission's percentage—Distributions.** (1) Licensees of race meets that are nonprofit in nature and are of ten days or less are exempt from payment of a parimutuel tax.

(2) Licensees that do not fall under subsection (1) of this section must withhold and pay to the commission daily for each



authorized day of parimutuel wagering the following applicable percentage of all daily gross receipts from its in-state parimutuel machines:

(a) If the gross receipts of all its in-state parimutuel machines are more than \$20,000,000 in the previous calendar year, the licensee must withhold and pay to the commission daily 1.30 percent of the daily gross receipts; and

(b) If the gross receipts of all its in-state parimutuel machines are \$20,000,000 or less in the previous calendar year, the licensee must withhold and pay to the commission daily 1.8 percent of the daily gross receipts.

(3)(a) In addition to those amounts in subsection (2) of this section, a licensee must forward one-tenth of one percent of the daily gross receipts of all its in-state parimutuel machines to the commission for payment to those nonprofit race meets as set forth in RCW 67.16.130 and subsection (1) of this section, but the percentage may not be charged against the licensee.

(b) Payments to nonprofit race meets under this subsection must be distributed on a per-race-day basis and used only for purses at racetracks that have been approved for race dates in the current calendar year and operating under RCW 67.16.130 and subsection (1) of this section. If no nonprofit racing dates are approved, any amount in the fund that exceeds \$180,000 at the end of each fiscal year must be deposited into the commission's operating account.

(c) As provided in this subsection, the commission must distribute funds up to \$30,000 per race day from funds generated under this subsection (3). [2025 c 89 s 8; 2011 c 12 s 1; 2010 c 39 s 1; 2004 c 246 s 7; 2003 1st sp.s. c 27 s 1; 1998 c 345 s 6; 1997 c 87 s 3; 1995 c 173 s 2; 1994 c 159 s 2; 1993 c 170 s 2; 1991 c 270 s 6; 1987 c 347 s 4; 1985 c 146 s 7; 1982 c 32 s 3; 1979 c 31 s 6.]

**Effective date—2011 c 12:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [April 5, 2011]." [2011 c 12 s 3.]

**Effective date—2004 c 246:** See note following RCW 67.16.270.

**Effective date—2003 1st sp.s. c 27:** "This act takes effect January 1, 2004." [2003 1st sp.s. c 27 s 2.]

**Severability—Effective date—Contingent effective date—1998 c 345:** See notes following RCW 15.04.090.

**Findings—Purpose—Report by joint legislative audit and review committee—Severability—Effective date—1997 c 87:** See notes following RCW 67.16.200.

**Intent—1995 c 173:** "It is the intent of the legislature that one-half of the money being paid into the Washington thoroughbred racing fund continue to be directed to enhanced purses, and that one-half of the money being paid into the fund continue to be deposited into an escrow or trust account and used for the construction of a new thoroughbred racing facility in western Washington." [1995 c 173 s 1.]

**Effective date—1995 c 173:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [May 1, 1995]." [1995 c 173 s 3.]

**Intent—1994 c 159:** "It is the intent of the legislature to terminate payments into the Washington thoroughbred racing fund from licensees of nonprofit race meets from March 30, 1994, until June 1, 1995, and to provide that one-half of moneys that otherwise would have been paid into the fund be directed to enhanced purses and one-half of moneys be deposited in an escrow or trust account and used solely for construction of a new thoroughbred racetrack facility in western Washington." [1994 c 159 s 1.]

**Effective date—1994 c 159:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [March 30, 1994]." [1994 c 159 s 4.]

**Intent—1993 c 170:** "It is the intent of the legislature that one-half of those moneys that would otherwise have been paid into the Washington thoroughbred racing fund be retained for the purpose of enhancing purses, excluding stakes purses, until that time as a permanent thoroughbred racing facility is built and operating in western Washington. It is recognized by the Washington legislature that the enhancement in purses provided in this legislation will not directly benefit all racetracks in Washington. It is the legislature's intent that the horse racing commission work with the horse racing community to ensure that this opportunity for increased purses will not inadvertently injure horse racing at tracks not directly benefiting from this legislation." [1993 c 170 s 1.]

**Effective date—1993 c 170:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [April 30, 1993]." [1993 c 170 s 3.]

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**Severability—1982 c 32:** See note following RCW 67.16.020.

**RCW 67.16.110 Broadcasting and motion picture rights reserved.**  
All radio broadcasting rights, and motion picture rights in connection with meets licensed hereunder are reserved to the state and the commission shall lease or license same only to the highest bidder. The exercise of such rights shall at all times be under the supervision of the commission. [1980 c 32 s 10; 1933 c 55 s 11; RRS s 8312-11.]

**RCW 67.16.130 Nonprofit race meets—Licensing—Fees.** (1)  
Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of chapter 67.16 RCW, the commission may license race meets which are nonprofit in nature, of ten days or less, and which have an average daily handle of one hundred twenty thousand dollars or less, at a daily licensing fee of ten dollars, and the sponsoring nonprofit association shall be exempt

from any other fees as provided for in chapter 67.16 RCW or by rule or regulation of the commission: PROVIDED, That the commission may deny the application for a license to conduct a racing meet by a nonprofit association, if same shall be determined not to be a nonprofit association by the Washington state [horse] racing commission.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of chapter 67.16 RCW or any rule promulgated by the commission, no license for a race meet which is nonprofit in nature, of ten days or less, and which has an average daily handle of one hundred twenty thousand dollars or less, shall be denied for the reason that the applicant has not installed an electric parimutuel tote board.

(3) As a condition to the reduction in fees as provided for in subsection (1) of this section, all fees charged to horse owners, trainers, or jockeys, or any other fee charged for a permit incident to the running of such race meet shall be retained by the commission as reimbursement for its expenses incurred in connection with the particular race meet. [1991 c 270 s 7; 1985 c 146 s 8; 1982 c 32 s 4; 1979 c 31 s 4; 1969 ex.s. c 94 s 2.]

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**Severability—1982 c 32:** See note following RCW 67.16.020.

**Effective date—1969 ex.s. c 94:** "This 1969 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect May 1, 1969." [1969 ex.s. c 94 s 3.]

**RCW 67.16.140 Employees of commission—Employment restriction.**

No employee of the horse racing commission shall simultaneously serve as an employee of any track at which that individual will also serve as an employee of the commission. [2025 c 89 s 9; 1973 1st ex.s. c 216 s 3.]

**RCW 67.16.150 Employees of commission—Commissioners—Financial interest restrictions.** No employee nor any commissioner of the horse racing commission shall have any financial interest whatsoever, other than an ownership interest in a community venture, in any track at which said employee serves as an agent or employee of the commission or at any track with respect to a commissioner. [1973 1st ex.s. c 216 s 4.]

**RCW 67.16.160 Rules implementing conflict of interest laws—Wagers by commissioner.** No later than 90 days after July 16, 1973, the horse racing commission shall adopt, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, reasonable rules implementing to the extent applicable to the circumstances of the horse racing commission the conflict of interest laws of the state of Washington as set forth in chapter 42.52 RCW. In no case may a commissioner make any wager on the outcome of a live horse race at a race meet conducted in Washington state under the authority of the commission. For authorized simulcast races held outside the state of Washington, a commissioner is permitted to wager.

[2025 c 89 s 10; 2004 c 274 s 3; 1994 c 154 s 314; 1973 1st ex.s. c 216 s 5.]

**Effective date—2004 c 274:** See note following RCW 67.16.160.

**Effective date—1994 c 154:** See RCW 42.52.904.

**RCW 67.16.170 Gross receipts—Retention of percentage by licensees.** (1) Licensees of race meets that are nonprofit in nature and are of ten days or less may retain daily for each authorized day of racing fifteen percent of daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines at each race meet.

(2) Licensees of race meets that do not fall under subsection (1) of this section may retain daily for each authorized day of parimutuel wagering no more than 15 percent of the daily gross receipts. [2025 c 89 s 11; 1998 c 345 s 7; 1991 c 270 s 8; 1987 c 347 s 2; 1985 c 146 s 9; 1983 c 228 s 1; 1979 c 31 s 5.]

**Severability—Effective date—Contingent effective date—1998 c 345:** See notes following RCW 15.04.090.

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**RCW 67.16.175 Exotic wagers—Retention of percentage by race meets.** (1) In addition to the amounts authorized to be retained in RCW 67.16.170, race meets may retain daily for each authorized day of racing an additional six percent of the daily gross receipts of all parimutuel machines from exotic wagers at each race meet.

(2) Of the amounts retained in subsection (1) of this section, one-sixth shall be paid to the commission at the end of the race meet for deposit in the Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account created in RCW 67.16.275. Such amounts shall be used by the commission for Washington bred breeder awards, in accordance with the rules and qualifications adopted by the commission.

(3) As used in this section, "exotic wagers" means any multiple wager. Exotic wagers are subject to approval of the commission. [2025 c 89 s 12; 2009 c 87 s 2; 2001 c 53 s 2; 1991 c 270 s 9. Prior: 1987 c 453 s 1; 1987 c 347 s 3; 1986 c 43 s 1; 1985 c 146 s 10; 1981 c 135 s 1.]

**Severability—1985 c 146:** See note following RCW 67.16.010.

**Severability—1981 c 135:** "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 135 s 2.]

**RCW 67.16.200 Parimutuel wagering at satellite locations—Simulcasts.** (1) A class 1 racing association licensed by the commission to conduct a race meet may seek approval from the commission to conduct parimutuel wagering at a satellite location or locations within the state of Washington. In order to participate in

parimutuel wagering at a satellite location or locations within the state of Washington, the holder of a class 1 racing association license must have conducted at least one full live racing season. All class 1 racing associations must hold a live race meet within each succeeding twelve-month period to maintain eligibility to continue to participate in parimutuel wagering at a satellite location or locations. The commission's authority to approve satellite wagering at a particular location is subject to the following limitations:

(a) The commission may approve only one satellite location in each county in the state; provided however, the commission may approve two satellite locations in counties with a population exceeding one million. The commission may grant approval for more than one licensee to conduct wagering at each satellite location. A satellite location shall not be operated within twenty driving miles of any class 1 racing facility. For the purposes of this section, "driving miles" means miles measured by the most direct route as determined by the commission; and

(b) A licensee shall not conduct satellite wagering at any satellite location within sixty driving miles of any other class 1 racing facility conducting a live race meet.

(2) Subject to local zoning and other land use ordinances, the commission shall be the sole judge of whether approval to conduct wagering at a satellite location shall be granted.

(3) The licensee shall combine the parimutuel pools of the satellite location with those of the racing facility for the purpose of determining odds and computing payoffs. The amount wagered at the satellite location shall be combined with the amount wagered at the racing facility for the application of take out formulas and distribution as provided in RCW 67.16.102, 67.16.105, 67.16.170, and 67.16.175. A satellite extension of the licensee's racing facility shall be subject to the same application of the rules of racing as the licensee's racing facility.

(4) Upon written application to the commission, a class 1 racing association may be authorized to transmit simulcasts of live horse races conducted at its racetrack to locations outside of the state of Washington approved by the commission and in accordance with the interstate horse racing act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 to 3007) or any other applicable laws. The commission may permit parimutuel pools on the simulcast races to be combined in a common pool. A racing association that transmits simulcasts of its races to locations outside this state shall pay at least fifty percent of the fee that it receives for sale of the simulcast signal to the horsemen's or horsewomen's purse account for its live races after first deducting the actual cost of sending the signal out of state.

(5) Upon written application to the commission, a class 1 racing association may be authorized to transmit simulcasts of live horse races conducted at its racetrack to licensed racing associations located within the state of Washington and approved by the commission for the receipt of the simulcasts. The commission shall permit parimutuel pools on the simulcast races to be combined in a common pool. The fee for in-state, track-to-track simulcasts shall be five and one-half percent of the gross parimutuel receipts generated at the receiving location and payable to the sending racing association. A racing association that transmits simulcasts of its races to other licensed racing associations shall pay at least fifty percent of the fee that it receives for the simulcast signal to the horsemen's or horsewomen's purse account for its live race meet after first

deducting the actual cost of sending the simulcast signal. A racing association that receives races simulcast from class 1 racing associations within the state shall pay at least fifty percent of its share of the parimutuel receipts to the horsemen's or horsewomen's purse account for its live race meet after first deducting the purchase price and the actual direct costs of importing the race.

(6) A class 1 racing association may be allowed to import simulcasts of horse races from out-of-state racing facilities. With the prior approval of the commission, the class 1 racing association may participate in a multijurisdictional common pool and may change its commission and breakage rates to achieve a common rate with other participants in the common pool.

(a) The class 1 racing association shall make written application with the commission for permission to import simulcast horse races for the purpose of parimutuel wagering. Subject to the terms of this section, the commission is the sole authority in determining whether to grant approval for an imported simulcast race.

(b) When open for parimutuel wagering, a class 1 racing association which imports simulcast races shall also conduct simulcast parimutuel wagering within its licensed racing enclosure on all races simulcast from other class 1 racing associations within the state of Washington.

(c) On any imported simulcast race, the class 1 racing association shall pay fifty percent of its share of the parimutuel receipts to the horsemen's or horsewomen's purse account for its live race meet after first deducting the purchase price of the imported race and the actual costs of importing and offering the race.

(7) A licensed nonprofit racing association may be approved to import one simulcast race of regional or national interest on each live race day.

(8) For purposes of this section, a class 1 racing association is defined as a licensee approved by the commission to conduct during each twelve-month period at least forty days of live racing. If a live race day is canceled due to reasons directly attributable to acts of God, labor disruptions affecting live race days but not directly involving the licensee or its employees, or other circumstances that the commission decides are beyond the control of the class 1 racing association, then the canceled day counts toward the forty-day requirement. The commission may by rule increase the number of live racing days required to maintain class 1 racing association status or make other rules necessary to implement this section.

(9) This section does not establish a new form of gaming in Washington or allow expanded gaming within the state beyond what has been previously authorized. Simulcast wagering has been allowed in Washington before April 19, 1997. Therefore, this section does not allow gaming of any nature or scope that was prohibited before April 19, 1997. This section is necessary to protect the Washington equine breeding and racing industries, and in particular those sectors of these industries that are dependent upon live horse racing. The purpose of this section is to protect these industries from adverse economic impacts and to promote fan attendance at class 1 racing facilities. Therefore, a licensed class 1 racing association may be approved to disseminate imported simulcast race card programs to satellite locations approved under this section.

(10) A licensee conducting simulcasting under this section shall place signs in the licensee's gambling establishment under RCW 9.46.071. The informational signs concerning problem and compulsive

gambling must include a toll-free telephone number for problem and pathological gamblers and be developed under RCW 9.46.071.

(11) Chapter 10, Laws of 2001 1st sp. sess. does not establish a new form of gaming in Washington or allow expanded gaming within the state beyond what has been previously authorized. Simulcast wagering has been allowed in Washington before August 23, 2001. Therefore, this section does not allow gaming of any nature or scope that was prohibited before August 23, 2001. Chapter 10, Laws of 2001 1st sp. sess. is necessary to protect the Washington equine breeding and racing industries, and in particular those sectors of these industries that are dependent upon live horse racing. The purpose of chapter 10, Laws of 2001 1st sp. sess. is to protect these industries from adverse economic impacts and to promote fan attendance at class 1 racing facilities. [2025 c 89 s 13. Prior: 2013 c 23 s 178; 2013 c 18 s 1; 2007 c 100 s 1; 2004 c 274 s 2; 2001 1st sp.s. c 10 s 2; 2000 c 223 s 1; 1997 c 87 s 4; 1991 c 270 s 10; 1987 c 347 s 1.]

**Effective date—2007 c 100:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [April 18, 2007]." [2007 c 100 s 2.]

**Effective date—2004 c 274:** See note following RCW 67.16.260.

**Finding—Purpose—2001 1st sp.s. c 10:** "The legislature finds that Washington's equine racing industry creates economic, environmental, and recreational impacts across the state affecting agriculture, horse breeding, the horse training industry, agricultural fairs and youth programs, and tourism and employment opportunities. The Washington equine industry has incurred a financial decline coinciding with increased competition from the gaming industry in the state and from the lack of a class 1 racing facility in western Washington from 1993 through 1995. This act is necessary to preserve, restore, and revitalize the equine breeding and racing industries and to preserve in Washington the economic and social impacts associated with these industries. Preserving Washington's equine breeding and racing industries, and in particular those sectors of the industries that are dependent upon live horse racing, is in the public interest of the state. The purpose of this act is to preserve Washington's equine breeding and racing industries and to protect these industries from adverse economic impacts. This act does not establish a new form of gaming in Washington or allow expanded gaming within the state beyond what has been previously authorized. Simulcast wagering has been allowed in Washington before August 23, 2001. Therefore, this act does not allow gaming of any nature or scope that was prohibited before August 23, 2001." [2001 1st sp.s. c 10 s 1.]

**Findings—Purpose—1997 c 87:** "The legislature finds that Washington's equine racing industry creates economic, environmental, and recreational impacts across the state affecting agriculture, horse breeding, the horse training industry, agricultural fairs and youth programs, and tourism and employment opportunities. The Washington equine industry has incurred a financial decline coinciding with increased competition from the gaming industry in the state and from the lack of a class 1 racing facility in western Washington from 1993 through 1995. This act is necessary to preserve, restore, and

revitalize the equine breeding and racing industries and to preserve in Washington the economic and social impacts associated with these industries. Preserving Washington's equine breeding and racing industries, and in particular those sectors of the industries that are dependent upon live horse racing, is in the public interest of the state. The purpose of this act is to preserve Washington's equine breeding and racing industries and to protect these industries from adverse economic impacts. This act does not establish a new form of gaming in Washington or allow expanded gaming within the state beyond what has been previously authorized. Simulcast wagering has been allowed in Washington before April 19, 1997. Therefore, this act does not allow gaming of any nature or scope that was prohibited before April 19, 1997." [1997 c 87 s 1.]

**Report by joint legislative audit and review committee—1997 c**

**87:** "(1) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct an evaluation to determine the extent to which this act has achieved the following outcomes:

(a) The extent to which purses at Emerald Downs, Playfair, and Yakima Meadows have increased as a result of the provisions of this act;

(b) The extent to which attendance at Emerald Downs, Playfair, and Yakima Meadows has increased specifically as a result of the provisions of this act;

(c) The extent to which the breeding of horses in this state has increased specifically related to the provisions of this act;

(d) The extent to which the number of horses running at Emerald Downs, Playfair, and Yakima Meadows has increased specifically as a result of the provisions of this act;

(e) The extent to which nonprofit racetracks in this state have benefited from this act including the removal of the cap on the nonprofit race meet purse fund; and

(f) The extent to which Emerald Downs, Playfair, and Yakima Meadows are capable of remaining economically viable given the provisions of this act and the increase in competition for gambling or entertainment dollars.

(2) The joint legislative audit and review committee may provide recommendations to the legislature concerning modifications that could be made to existing state laws to improve the ability of this act to meet the above intended goals.

(3) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall complete a report on its finding by June 30, 2000. The report shall be provided to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2000." [1997 c 87 s 5.]

**Severability—1997 c 87:** "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1997 c 87 s 7.]

**Effective date—1997 c 87:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [April 19, 1997]." [1997 c 87 s 8.]



**RCW 67.16.230 Satellite locations—Fees.** The commission is authorized to establish and collect an annual fee for each separate satellite location. The fee to be collected from the licensee shall be set to reflect the commission's expected costs of approving, regulating, and monitoring each satellite location, provided commission revenues generated under RCW 67.16.105 from the licensee shall be credited annually towards the licensee's fee assessment under this section. [1991 c 270 s 11; 1987 c 347 s 7.]

**RCW 67.16.251 Handicapping contests.** Class 1 racing associations and licensed advanced deposit wagering companies may conduct horse race handicapping contests. The commission shall establish rules for the approval of handicapping contests involving the outcome of multiple horse races. [2025 c 89 s 14; 2005 c 351 s 2.]

**RCW 67.16.260 Advance deposit wagering.** (1) The horse racing commission may authorize advance deposit wagering to be conducted by:

(a) A licensed class 1 racing association operating a live horse racing facility; or

(b) The operator of an advance deposit wagering system accepting wagers pursuant to an agreement with a licensed class 1 racing association. The agreement between the operator and the class 1 racing association must be approved by the commission.

(2) An entity authorized to conduct advance deposit wagering under subsection (1) of this section:

(a) May accept advance deposit wagering for races conducted in this state under a class 1 license or races not conducted within this state on a schedule approved by the class 1 licensee. A system of advance deposit wagering located outside or within this state may not accept wagers from residents or other individuals located within this state, and residents or other individuals located within this state are prohibited from placing wagers through advance deposit wagering systems, except with an entity authorized to conduct advance deposit wagering under subsection (1) of this section;

(b) May not accept an account wager in an amount in excess of the funds on deposit in the advance deposit wagering account of the individual placing the wager;

(c) May not allow individuals under the age of twenty-one to open, own, or have access to an advance deposit wagering account;

(d) Must include a statement in all forms of advertising for advance deposit wagering that individuals under the age of twenty-one are not allowed to open, own, or have access to an advance deposit wagering account; and

(e) Must verify the identification, residence, and age of the advance deposit wagering account holder using methods and technologies approved by the commission.

(3) As used in this section, "advance deposit wagering" means a form of parimutuel wagering in which an individual deposits money in an account with an entity authorized by the commission to conduct advance deposit wagering and then the account funds are used to pay for parimutuel wagers made in person, by telephone, or through communication by other electronic means.

(4) In order to participate in advance deposit wagering, the holder of a class 1 racing association license must have conducted at least one full live racing season. All class 1 racing associations must complete a live race meet within each succeeding twelve-month period to maintain eligibility to continue participating in advance deposit wagering.

(5) When more than one class 1 racing association is participating in advance deposit wagering the moneys paid to the racing associations shall be allocated proportionate to the gross amount of all sources of parimutuel wagering during each twelve-month period derived from the associations' live race meets. This percentage must be calculated annually. Revenue derived from advance deposit wagers placed on races conducted by the class 1 racing association shall all be allocated to that association.

(6) The commission shall adopt rules regulating advance deposit wagering. [2007 c 209 s 1; 2004 c 274 s 1.]

**Effective date—2004 c 274:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [April 1, 2004]." [2004 c 274 s 4.]

**RCW 67.16.270 Violation of commission rules—Penalties.** Upon making a determination that an individual or licensee has violated a commission rule, the board of stewards may assess a fine, suspend or revoke a person's license, or any combination of these penalties. The commission must adopt by rule standard penalties for a rules violation. All fines collected must be deposited in the Washington horse racing commission operating account. The funds accrued by the assessed fines will be used to support nonprofit race meets as authorized in RCW 67.16.280(2). If no dates for nonprofit racing are requested or approved, the fines will remain in the Washington horse racing commission operating account. [2014 c 62 s 1; 2004 c 246 s 1.]

**Effective date—2004 c 246:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [March 31, 2004]." [2004 c 246 s 9.]

**RCW 67.16.275 Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account.** The Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund and breeder awards account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts collected by the commission under RCW 67.16.102(1) and 67.16.175(2) must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only as authorized in RCW 67.16.102 and 67.16.175. Only the secretary of the commission or the secretary's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures. [2009 c 87 s 3; 2004 c 246 s 2.]

**Effective date—2004 c 246:** See note following RCW 67.16.270.

**RCW 67.16.280 Washington horse racing commission operating account.** (1)(a) The Washington horse racing commission operating account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts collected by the commission under RCW 67.16.105(2) must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the operating expenses of the commission. Only the commission or the commission's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

(b) The commission has the authority to receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be made from time to time in trust or otherwise for the use and purpose of regulating or supporting nonprofit race meets as set forth in RCW 67.16.130 and 67.16.105(1); such gifts, grants, and endowments must also be deposited into the horse racing commission operating account and expended according to the terms of such gift, grant, or endowment.

(2) In order to provide funding in support of the legislative findings in RCW 67.16.101 (1) through (3), and to provide additional necessary support to the nonprofit race meets beyond the funding provided by RCW 67.16.101(4) and 67.16.102(2), the commission is authorized to spend up to \$500,000 per fiscal year from its operating account for the purpose of developing the equine industry, maintaining and upgrading racing facilities, and assisting equine health research. When determining how to allocate the funds available for these purposes, the commission must give first consideration to uses that regulate and assist the nonprofit race meets and equine health research. These expenditures may occur only when sufficient funds remain for the continued operations of the horse racing commission. [2025 c 89 s 15; 2016 c 160 s 1; 2013 c 88 s 2; 2011 c 12 s 2; 2006 c 174 s 1; 2004 c 246 s 3.]

**Effective date—2011 c 12:** See note following RCW 67.16.105.

**Effective date—2004 c 246:** See note following RCW 67.16.270.

**RCW 67.16.285 Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account.** The Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from RCW 67.16.105(3) must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes provided in RCW 67.16.105(3). Only the secretary of the commission or the secretary's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures. During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the legislature may direct the state treasurer to make transfers of moneys in the horse racing commission class C purse fund account to the Washington horse racing commission operating account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the account. [2025 c 424 s 968; 2004 c 246 s 4.]

**Effective date—2025 c 424:** See note following RCW 9.46.100.

**Effective date—2004 c 246:** See note following RCW 67.16.270.

**RCW 67.16.300 Industrial insurance premium assessments.** In addition to the license fees authorized by this chapter, the commission shall collect the industrial insurance premium assessments required under RCW 51.16.210 from trainers, grooms, and owners. The industrial insurance premium assessments required under RCW 51.16.210 shall be retroactive to January 1, 1989, and shall be collected from all licensees whose licenses were issued after that date. The commission shall deposit the industrial insurance premium assessments in the industrial insurance trust fund as required by rules adopted by the department of labor and industries. [1989 c 385 s 2.]

**RCW 67.16.900 Severability—General repealer—1933 c 55.** In case any part or portion of this chapter shall be held unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of this chapter as a whole or any other part or portion of this chapter not adjudged unconstitutional. All acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. [1933 c 55 s 10; RRS s 8312-10.]

**Chapter 67.17 RCW**  
**LIVE HORSE RACING COMPACT**

**Sections**

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**RCW 67.17.005 Purpose.** The purposes of the live horse racing compact are to:

(1) Establish uniform requirements among the party states for the licensing of participants in live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering, and ensure that all such participants who are licensed pursuant to the compact meet a uniform minimum standard of honesty and integrity;

(2) Facilitate the growth of the horse racing industry in each party state and nationwide by simplifying the process for licensing participants in live racing, and reduce the duplicative and costly process of separate licensing by the regulatory agency in each state that conducts live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering;

(3) Authorize the Washington horse racing commission to participate in the live horse racing compact;

(4) Provide for participation in the live horse racing compact by officials of the party states, and permit those officials, through the compact committee established by this chapter, to enter into contracts with governmental agencies and nongovernmental persons to carry out the purposes of the live horse racing compact; and

(5) Establish the compact committee created by this chapter as an interstate governmental entity duly authorized to request and receive criminal history record information from the federal bureau of investigation and other state and local law enforcement agencies.  
[2001 c 18 s 1.]

**RCW 67.17.010 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Compact committee" means the organization of officials from the party states that is authorized and empowered by the live horse racing compact to carry out the purposes of the compact.

(2) "Official" means the appointed, elected, designated, or otherwise duly selected member of a racing commission or the

equivalent thereof in a party state who represents that party state as a member of the compact committee.

(3) "Participants in live racing" means participants in live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering in the party states.

(4) "Party state" means each state that has enacted the live horse racing compact.

(5) "State" means each of the several states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each territory or possession of the United States. [2001 c 18 s 2.]

**RCW 67.17.020 Compact effective date.** The live horse racing compact shall come into force when enacted by any four states. Thereafter, the compact shall become effective as to any other state upon: (1) That state's enactment of the compact; and (2) the affirmative vote of a majority of the officials on the compact committee as provided in RCW 67.17.070. [2001 c 18 s 3.]

**RCW 67.17.030 Eligibility to enter compact.** Any state that has adopted or authorized horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering is eligible to become party to the live horse racing compact. [2001 c 18 s 4.]

**RCW 67.17.040 Withdrawal from compact.** Any party state may withdraw from the live horse racing compact by enacting a statute repealing the compact, but no such withdrawal is effective until the head of the executive branch of the withdrawing state has given notice in writing of such withdrawal to the head of the executive branch of all other party states. If, as a result of withdrawals, participation in the compact decreases to less than three party states, the compact no longer shall be in force and effect unless and until there are at least three or more party states again participating in the compact. [2001 c 18 s 5.]

**RCW 67.17.050 Creation of compact committee.** (1) There is created an interstate governmental entity to be known as the "compact committee" which shall be comprised of one official from the racing commission or its equivalent in each party state who shall be appointed, serve, and be subject to removal in accordance with the laws of the party state he or she represents. Under the laws of his or her party state, each official shall have the assistance of his or her state's racing commission or the equivalent thereof in considering issues related to licensing of participants in live racing and in fulfilling his or her responsibilities as the representative from his or her state to the compact committee. If an official is unable to perform any duty in connection with the powers and duties of the compact committee, the racing commission or equivalent thereof from his or her state shall designate another of its members as an alternate who shall serve in his or her place and represent the party state as its official on the compact committee until that racing commission or equivalent thereof determines that the original representative official is able once again to perform his or her duties as that party state's representative official on the compact committee. The designation of an alternate shall be communicated by

the affected state's racing commission or equivalent thereof to the compact committee as the committee's bylaws may provide.

(2) The horse racing commission shall appoint the official to represent the state of Washington on the compact committee for a term of four years. No official may serve more than three consecutive terms. A vacancy shall be filled by the horse racing commission for the unexpired term. [2011 1st sp.s. c 21 s 29; 2001 c 18 s 6.]

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 21:** See note following RCW 72.23.025.

**RCW 67.17.060 Compact committee powers and duties.** In order to carry out the live horse racing compact, the compact committee is granted the power and duty to:

(1) Determine which categories of participants in live racing, including but not limited to owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, mutuel clerks, racing officials, veterinarians, and farriers, should be licensed by the compact committee, and establish the requirements for the initial licensure of applicants in each such category, the term of the license for each category, and the requirements for renewal of licenses in each category. However, with regard to requests for criminal history record information on each applicant for a license, and with regard to the effect of a criminal record on the issuance or renewal of a license, the compact committee shall determine for each category of participants in live racing which licensure requirements for that category are, in its judgment, the most restrictive licensure requirements of any party state for that category and shall adopt licensure requirements for that category that are, in its judgment, comparable to those most restrictive requirements;

(2) Investigate applicants for a license from the compact committee and, as permitted by federal and state law, gather information on such applicants, including criminal history record information from the federal bureau of investigation and relevant state and local law enforcement agencies, and, where appropriate, from the royal Canadian mounted police and law enforcement agencies of other countries, necessary to determine whether a license should be issued under the licensure requirements established by the compact committee under subsection (1) of this section. Only officials on, and employees of, the compact committee may receive and review such criminal history record information, and those officials and employees may use that information only for the purposes of the compact. No such official or employee may disclose or disseminate such information to any person or entity other than another official on or employee of the compact committee. The fingerprints of each applicant for a license from the compact committee shall be taken by the compact committee, its employees, or its designee and shall be forwarded to a state identification bureau, or to an association of state officials regulating pari-mutuel wagering designated by the attorney general of the United States, for submission to the federal bureau of investigation for a criminal history record check. Such fingerprints may be submitted on a fingerprint card or by electronic or other means authorized by the federal bureau of investigation or other receiving law enforcement agency;

(3) Issue licenses to, and renew the licenses of, participants in live racing listed in subsection (1) of this section who are found by

the compact committee to have met the licensure and renewal requirements established by the compact committee. The compact committee shall not have the power or authority to deny a license. If it determines that an applicant will not be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a compact committee license, the compact committee shall notify the applicant that it will not be able to process his or her application further. Such notification does not constitute and shall not be considered to be the denial of a license. Any such applicant has the right to present additional evidence to, and to be heard by, the compact committee, but the final decision on issuance or renewal of the license shall be made by the compact committee using the requirements established under subsection (1) of this section;

(4) Enter into contracts or agreements with governmental agencies and with nongovernmental persons to provide personal services for its activities and such other services as may be necessary to carry out the compact;

(5) Create, appoint, and abolish those offices, employments, and positions, including an executive director, as it deems necessary for the purposes of the compact, prescribe their powers, duties, and qualifications, hire persons to fill those offices, employments, and positions, and provide for the removal, term, tenure, compensation, fringe benefits, retirement benefits, and other conditions of employment of its officers, employees, and other positions;

(6) Borrow, accept, or contract for the services of personnel from any state, the United States, or any other governmental agency, or from any person, firm, association, corporation, or other entity;

(7) Acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property by gift, purchase, lease, license, or in other similar manner, in furtherance of the compact;

(8) Charge a fee to each applicant for an initial license or renewal of a license; and

(9) Receive other funds through gifts, grants, and appropriations. [2001 c 18 s 7.]

**RCW 67.17.070 Compact committee voting requirements.** (1) Each official is entitled to one vote on the compact committee.

(2) All action taken by the compact committee with regard to the addition of party states as provided in RCW 67.17.020, the licensure of participants in live racing, and the receipt and disbursement of funds require a majority vote of the total number of officials, or their alternates, on the compact committee. All other action by the compact committee requires a majority vote of those officials, or their alternates, present and voting.

(3) No action of the compact committee may be taken unless a quorum is present. A majority of the officials, or their alternates, on the compact committee constitutes a quorum. [2001 c 18 s 8.]

**RCW 67.17.080 Compact committee governance.** (1) The compact committee shall elect annually from among its members a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary/treasurer.

(2) The compact committee shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business by a two-thirds vote of the total number of officials, or their alternates, on the compact committee at that time and shall have the power by the same vote to amend and rescind such bylaws. The compact committee shall publish its bylaws in convenient form and



shall file a copy thereof and a copy of any amendments thereto with the secretary of state or equivalent agency of each of the party states.

(3) The compact committee may delegate the day-to-day management and administration of its duties and responsibilities to an executive director and the executive director's support staff.

(4) Employees of the compact committee are considered governmental employees. [2001 c 18 s 9.]

**RCW 67.17.090 Liability of compact committee employees or officials.** No official of a party state or employee of the compact committee shall be held personally liable for any good faith act or omission that occurs during the performance and within the scope of his or her responsibilities and duties under the live horse racing compact. [2001 c 18 s 10.]

**RCW 67.17.100 Conditions and terms for participating states.**

(1) By enacting the compact, each party state:

(a) Agrees: (i) To accept the decisions of the compact committee regarding the issuance of compact committee licenses to participants in live racing under the compact committee's licensure requirements; and (ii) to reimburse or otherwise pay the expenses of its official representative on the compact committee or his or her alternate;

(b) Agrees not to treat a notification to an applicant by the compact committee under RCW 67.17.060(3) that the compact committee will not be able to process the application further as the denial of a license, or to penalize such an applicant in any other way based solely on such a decision by the compact committee; and

(c) Reserves the right: (i) To charge a fee for the use of a compact committee license in that state; (ii) to apply its own standards in determining whether, on the facts of a particular case, a compact committee license should be suspended or revoked; (iii) to apply its own standards in determining licensure eligibility, under the laws of that party state, for categories of participants in live racing that the compact committee determines not to license and for individual participants in live racing who do not meet the licensure requirements of the compact committee; and (iv) to establish its own licensure standards for the licensure of nonracing employees at horse racetracks and employees at separate satellite wagering facilities. Any party state that suspends or revokes a compact committee license shall, through its racing commission or the equivalent thereof or otherwise, promptly notify the compact committee of that suspension or revocation.

(2) No party state shall be held liable for the debts or other financial obligations incurred by the compact committee. [2001 c 18 s 11.]

**RCW 67.17.110 Cooperation by governmental entities with compact committee.** All departments, agencies, and officers of the state of Washington and its political subdivisions are authorized to cooperate with the compact committee in furtherance of any of its activities of the live horse racing compact. [2001 c 18 s 12.]

**RCW 67.17.120 Impact on horse racing commission.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to diminish or limit the powers and responsibilities of the Washington horse racing commission established in chapter 67.16 RCW or to invalidate any action of the Washington horse racing commission previously taken, including without limitation any regulation issued by the commission. [2001 c 18 s 13.]

**RCW 67.17.130 Construction and severability of language.** This chapter shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate its purposes. The provisions of this chapter are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of the compact is declared to be contrary to the Constitution of the United States or of any party state, or the applicability of the live horse racing compact to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If all or some portion of the live horse racing compact is held to be contrary to the constitution of any party state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters. [2001 c 18 s 14.]

**RCW 67.17.900 Short title—2001 c 18.** This act may be known and cited as the live horse racing compact. [2001 c 18 s 15.]

**Chapter 67.20 RCW**  
**PARKS, BATHING BEACHES, PUBLIC CAMPS**

**Sections**

- 67.20.010 Authority to acquire and operate certain recreational facilities—Charges—Eminent domain.
- 67.20.015 Authority to establish and operate public camps—Charges.
- 67.20.020 Contracts for cooperation.
- 67.20.030 Scope of chapter.

*County parks and recreational facilities: Chapter 36.68 RCW.*

*Eminent domain: Title 8 RCW.*

*Metropolitan park districts: Chapter 35.61 RCW.*

*Recreation districts act for counties: Chapter 36.69 RCW.*

*State parks and recreation commission: Chapter 79A.05 RCW.*

**RCW 67.20.010 Authority to acquire and operate certain recreational facilities—Charges—Eminent domain.** Any city in this state acting through its city council, or its board of park commissioners when authorized by charter or ordinance, any separately organized park district acting through its board of park commissioners or other governing officers, any school district acting through its board of school directors, any county acting through its board of county commissioners, any park and recreation service area acting through its governing body, and any town acting through its town council shall have power, acting independently or in conjunction with the United States, the state of Washington, any county, city, park district, school district or town or any number of such public organizations to acquire any land within this state for park, playground, gymnasiums, swimming pools, field houses and other recreational facilities, bathing beach or public camp purposes and roads leading from said parks, playgrounds, gymnasiums, swimming pools, field houses and other recreational facilities, bathing beaches, or public camps to nearby highways by donation, purchase or condemnation, and to build, construct, care for, control, supervise, improve, operate and maintain parks, playgrounds, gymnasiums, swimming pools, field houses and other recreational facilities, bathing beaches, roads and public camps upon any such land, including the power to enact and enforce such police regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the state of Washington, as are deemed necessary for the government and control of the same. The power of eminent domain herein granted shall not extend to any land outside the territorial limits of the governmental unit or units exercising said power. [1988 c 82 s 7; 1949 c 97 s 1; 1921 c 107 s 1; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 9319. FORMER PART OF SECTION: 1949 c 97 s 3; 1921 c 107 s 3; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 9321 now codified as RCW 67.20.015.]

**RCW 67.20.015 Authority to establish and operate public camps—Charges.** Any city, town, county, separately organized park district, or school district shall have power to establish, care for, control,

supervise, improve, operate and maintain a public camp, or camps anywhere within the state, and to that end may make, promulgate and enforce any reasonable rules and regulations in reference to such camps and make such charges for the use thereof as may be deemed expedient. [1949 c 97 s 3; 1921 c 107 s 3; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 9321. Formerly RCW 67.20.010, part.]

**RCW 67.20.020 Contracts for cooperation.** Any city, park district, school district, county or town shall have power to enter into any contract in writing with any organization or organizations referred to in this chapter for the purpose of conducting a recreation program or exercising any other power granted by this chapter. In the conduct of such recreation program property or facilities owned by any individual, group or organization, whether public or private, may be utilized by consent of the owner. [1949 c 97 s 2; 1921 c 107 s 2; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 9320.]

**RCW 67.20.030 Scope of chapter.** This chapter shall not be construed to repeal or limit any existing power of any city or park district, but to grant powers in addition thereto. [1949 c 97 s 4; 1921 c 107 s 4; Rem. Supp. 1949 s 9319 note.]

**Chapter 67.24 RCW**  
**FRAUD IN SPORTING CONTEST**

**Sections**

67.24.010      Commission of—Felony.  
67.24.020      Scope of 1945 c 107.

**RCW 67.24.010 Commission of—Felony.** Every person who shall give, offer, receive, or promise, directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity, or reward, or make any promise thereof, or who shall fraudulently commit any act by trick, device, or bunco, or any means whatsoever with intent to influence or change the outcome of any sporting contest between people or between animals, is guilty of a class B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for not less than five years. [2003 c 53 s 302; 1992 c 7 s 43; 1945 c 107 s 1; 1941 c 181 s 1; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2499-1.]

**Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53:** See notes following RCW 2.48.180.

**RCW 67.24.020 Scope of 1945 c 107.** All of the acts and statutes in conflict herewith are hereby repealed except chapter 55, Laws of 1933 [chapters \*43.50 and 67.16 RCW] and amendments thereto. [1945 c 107 s 2; Rem. Supp. 1945 s 2499-1 note.]

**\*Reviser's note:** Chapter 43.50 RCW is now codified as RCW 67.16.012 and 67.16.015.

**Chapter 67.28 RCW**  
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*Multipurpose community centers: Chapter 35.59 RCW.*

*Stadiums, coliseums, powers of counties to build and operate: RCW 36.68.090.*

*Tax changes: RCW 82.14.055.*

*Tax rate calculation errors: RCW 82.32.430.*

**RCW 67.28.080 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Acquisition" includes, but is not limited to, siting, acquisition, design, construction, refurbishing, expansion, repair, and improvement, including paying or securing the payment of all or any portion of general obligation bonds, leases, revenue bonds, or other obligations issued or incurred for such purpose or purposes under this chapter.

(2) "Municipality" means any county, city or town of the state of Washington.

(3) "Operation" includes, but is not limited to, operation, management, and marketing.

(4) "Person" means the federal government or any agency thereof, the state or any agency, subdivision, taxing district or municipal corporation thereof other than county, city or town, any private corporation, partnership, association, or individual.

(5) "Tourism" means economic activity resulting from tourists, which may include sales of overnight lodging, meals, tours, gifts, or souvenirs.

(6) "Tourism promotion" means activities, operations, and expenditures designed to increase tourism, including but not limited to advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the purpose of attracting and welcoming tourists; developing strategies to expand tourism; operating tourism promotion agencies; and funding the marketing of or the operation of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists.

(7) "Tourism-related facility" means real or tangible personal property with a usable life of three or more years, or constructed with volunteer labor that is: (a) (i) Owned by a public entity; (ii) owned by a nonprofit organization described under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended; or (iii) owned by a nonprofit organization described under section 501(c)(6) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, a business organization, destination marketing organization, main street organization, lodging association, or chamber of commerce and (b) used to support tourism, performing arts, or to accommodate tourist activities. [2013 c 196 s 2. Prior: 2007 c 497 s 1; 1997 c 452 s 2; 1991 c 357 s 1; 1967 c 236 s 1.]

**Effective date—2013 c 196:** See note following RCW 67.28.1816.

**Intent—1997 c 452:** "The intent of this act is to provide uniform standards for local option excise taxation of lodging." [1997 c 452 s 1.]

**Severability—1997 c 452:** "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1997 c 452 s 24.]

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**Effective date, application—1991 c 357:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect after immediately [effect immediately (May 21, 1991)]. This act applies retroactively to all

actions taken under chapter 67.28 RCW on or after January 1, 1990."  
[1991 c 357 s 5.]

*Clarification of permitted use or purpose: 2000 c 256.*

**RCW 67.28.120 Authorization to acquire and operate tourism-related facilities.** Any municipality is authorized either individually or jointly with any other municipality, or person, or any combination thereof, to acquire and to operate tourism-related facilities, whether located within or without such municipality. [1997 c 452 s 7; 1979 ex.s. c 222 s 1; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 1; 1967 c 236 s 5.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.28.125 Selling convention center facilities—Smaller counties within national scenic areas.** The provisions of this section shall apply to any municipality in any county located in whole or in part in a national scenic area when the population of the county is less than 20,000. The provisions of this section shall also apply to the county when the county contains in whole or in part a national scenic area and the population of the county is less than 20,000.

(1) The legislative body of any municipality or the county legislative authority is authorized to sell to any public or private person, including a corporation, partnership, joint venture, or any other business entity, any convention center facility it owns in whole or in part.

(2) The price and other terms and conditions shall be as the legislative body or authority shall determine. [1991 c 357 s 2.]

**Effective date, application—1991 c 357:** See note following RCW 67.28.080.

**RCW 67.28.130 Conveyance or lease of lands, properties or facilities authorized—Joint participation, use of facilities.** Any municipality, taxing district, or municipal corporation is authorized to convey or lease any lands, properties or facilities to any other municipality for the development by such other municipality of tourism-related facilities or to provide for the joint use of such lands, properties or facilities, or to participate in the financing of all or any part of the public facilities on such terms as may be fixed by agreement between the respective legislative bodies without submitting the matter to the voters of such municipalities, unless the provisions of general law applicable to the incurring of municipal indebtedness shall require such submission. [1997 c 452 s 8; 1979 ex.s. c 222 s 2; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 2; 1967 c 236 s 6.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.



**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.28.140 Declaration of public purpose—Right of eminent domain.** The acts authorized herein are declared to be strictly for the public purposes of the municipalities authorized to perform same. Any municipality as defined in RCW 67.28.080 shall have the power to acquire by condemnation and purchase any lands and property rights, both within and without its boundaries, which are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Such right of eminent domain shall be exercised by the legislative body of each such municipality in the manner provided by applicable general law or under chapter 8.12 RCW. [1967 c 236 s 7.]

**RCW 67.28.150 Issuance of general obligation bonds—Maturity—Methods of payment.** To carry out the purposes of this chapter including, but not limited to, financing loans or grants to nonprofit organizations or public housing authorities for affordable workforce housing within one-half mile of a transit station, any municipality has the power to issue general obligation bonds within the limitations now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of this state. Such general obligation bonds must be authorized, executed, issued, and made payable as other general obligation bonds of such municipality. However, the governing body of such municipality may provide that such bonds mature in not to exceed forty years from the date of their issue, may provide that such bonds also be made payable from any special taxes provided for in this chapter and may pledge such special taxes to the repayment of the bonds, and may provide that such bonds also be made payable from any otherwise unpledged revenue, which may be derived from the ownership or operation of any properties. [2015 c 102 s 1; 1997 c 452 s 9; 1984 c 186 s 56; 1967 c 236 s 8.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**Purpose—1984 c 186:** See note following RCW 39.46.110.

**RCW 67.28.160 Revenue bonds—Issuance, sale, form, term, payment, reserves, actions.** (1) To carry out the purposes of this chapter including, but not limited to, financing loans or grants to nonprofit organizations or public housing authorities for affordable workforce housing within one-half mile of a transit station, the legislative body of any municipality has the power to issue revenue bonds without submitting the matter to the voters of the municipality and may pledge the special taxes provided for in this chapter to the repayment of such revenue bonds. However, the legislative body must create a special fund or funds for the sole purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds of each such issue, into which fund or funds the legislative body may obligate the municipality to pay all or part of amounts collected from the special taxes provided for in this chapter, and/or to pay such amounts of the gross revenue of all or any part of the facilities constructed, acquired, improved,

added to, repaired, or replaced pursuant to this chapter, as the legislative body determines. The principal of and interest on such bonds is payable only out of such special fund or funds, and the owners of such bonds must have a lien and charge against the gross revenue pledged to such fund.

(a) The revenue bonds and the interest thereon issued against the fund or funds constitutes a claim of the owners thereof only as against such fund or funds and the revenue pledged therefor, and does not constitute a general indebtedness of the municipality.

(b) Each revenue bond must state upon its face that it is payable from such special fund or funds, and all revenue bonds issued under this chapter are negotiable securities within the provisions of the law of this state. The revenue bonds may be registered either as to principal only or as to principal and interest as provided in RCW 39.46.030, or may be bearer bonds. The revenue bonds must be:

(i) In such denominations as the legislative body deems proper;

(ii) Payable at such time or times and at such places, as determined by the legislative body;

(iii) Executed in such manner and bear interest at such rate or rates, as determined by the legislative body; and

(iv) Sold in such manner as the legislative body deems to be for the best interests of the municipality, either at public or private sale.

(c) The legislative body may at the time of the issuance of the revenue bonds make covenants with the owners of such bonds as it may deem necessary to secure and guaranty the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon, including but not being limited to covenants to set aside adequate reserves to secure or guaranty the payment of such principal and interest, to pledge and apply thereto part or all of any lawfully authorized special taxes provided for in this chapter, to maintain rates, charges, or rentals sufficient with other available moneys to pay such principal and interest and to maintain adequate coverage over debt service, to appoint a trustee or trustees for the bond owners, to safeguard the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of such bonds and to fix the powers and duties of such trustee or trustees and to make such other covenants as the legislative body may deem necessary to accomplish the most advantageous sale of such bonds. For revenue bonds issued for the purpose of funding affordable workforce housing projects within one-half mile of a transit station, where such revenue bonds are reasonably expected to be awarded to projects that can expend the funds within three years after bond issuance, the legislative body must require that the aggregate debt service on all such outstanding revenue bonds be limited to no more than fifty percent of the revenue collected under RCW 67.28.180(3)(d)(ii), and that at least ten percent of the aggregate proceeds of all such outstanding revenue bonds be committed to finance one or more projects by an authority under chapter 43.167 RCW to promote sustainable workplace opportunities near a community impacted by the construction or operation of tourism-related facilities. The legislative body may also provide that revenue bonds payable out of the same source may later be issued on a parity with revenue bonds being issued and sold.

(d) The legislative body may include in the principal amount of any such revenue bond issue an amount for engineering, architectural, planning, financial, legal, and other services and charges incident to the acquisition or construction of public stadium facilities, convention center facilities, performing arts center facilities,

and/or visual arts center facilities, an amount to establish necessary reserves, an amount for working capital, and an amount necessary for interest during the period of construction of any facilities to be financed from the proceeds of such issue plus six months. The legislative body may, if it deems it in the best interest of the municipality, provide in any contract for the construction or acquisition of any facilities or additions or improvements thereto or replacements or extensions thereof that payment therefor may be made only in such revenue bonds.

(e) If the municipality fails to carry out or perform any of its obligations or covenants made in the authorization, issuance, and sale of such bonds, the owner of any such bond may bring action against the municipality and compel the performance of any or all of such covenants.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, such bonds may be issued and sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW. [2015 c 102 s 2; 1997 c 452 s 10; 1983 c 167 s 168; 1979 ex.s. c 222 s 3; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 3; 1967 c 236 s 9.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167:** See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

**RCW 67.28.170 Power to lease all or part of facilities—Disposition of proceeds.** The legislative body of any municipality owning or operating tourism-related facilities acquired under this chapter shall have power to lease to any municipality or person, or to contract for the use or operation by any municipality or person, of all or any part of the facilities authorized by this chapter, including but not limited to parking facilities, concession facilities of all kinds and any property or property rights appurtenant to such tourism-related facilities, for such period and under such terms and conditions and upon such rentals, fees and charges as such legislative body may determine, and may pledge all or any portion of such rentals, fees and charges and all other revenue derived from the ownership and/or operation of such facilities to pay and to secure the payment of general obligation bonds and/or revenue bonds of such municipality issued for authorized tourism-related facilities purposes. [1997 c 452 s 11; 1979 ex.s. c 222 s 4; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 4; 1967 c 236 s 10.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.28.180 Lodging tax authorized—Conditions.** (1) Subject to the conditions set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the legislative body of any county or any city, is authorized to levy and collect a special excise tax of not to exceed two percent

on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging that is subject to tax under chapter 82.08 RCW.

(2) Any levy authorized by this section is subject to the following:

(a) Any county ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this section must contain, in addition to all other provisions required to conform to this chapter, a provision allowing a credit against the county tax for the full amount of any city tax imposed pursuant to this section upon the same taxable event.

(b) (i) In the event that any county has levied the tax authorized by this section and has, prior to June 26, 1975, either pledged the tax revenues for payment of principal and interest on city revenue or general obligation bonds authorized and issued pursuant to RCW 67.28.150 and 67.28.160 or has authorized and issued revenue or general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 and 67.28.160, such county is exempt from the provisions of (a) of this subsection, to the extent that the tax revenues are pledged for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued at any time pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 and 67.28.160. However, so much of such pledged tax revenues, together with any investment earnings thereon, not immediately necessary for actual payment of principal and interest on such bonds may be used: (A) In any county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more, for repayment either of limited tax levy general obligation bonds or of any county fund or account from which a loan was made, the proceeds from the bonds or loan being used to pay for constructing, installing, improving, and equipping stadium capital improvement projects, and to pay for any engineering, planning, financial, legal and professional services incident to the development of such stadium capital improvement projects, regardless of the date the debt for such capital improvement projects was or may be incurred; (B) in any county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more, for repayment or refinancing of bonded indebtedness incurred prior to January 1, 1997, for any purpose authorized by this section or relating to stadium repairs or rehabilitation, including but not limited to the cost of settling legal claims, reimbursing operating funds, interest payments on short-term loans, and any other purpose for which such debt has been incurred if the county has created a public stadium authority to develop a stadium and exhibition center under RCW 36.102.030; or (C) in other counties, for county-owned facilities for agricultural promotion until January 1, 2009, and thereafter for any purpose authorized in this chapter.

(ii) A county is exempt under this subsection with respect to city revenue or general obligation bonds issued after April 1, 1991, only if such bonds mature before January 1, 2013. If any county located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains has levied the tax authorized by this section and has, prior to June 26, 1975, pledged the tax revenue for payment of principal and interest on city revenue or general obligation bonds, the county is exempt under this subsection with respect to revenue or general obligation bonds issued after January 1, 2007, only if the bonds mature before January 1, 2035. Such a county may only use funds under this subsection (2)(b) for constructing or improving facilities authorized under this chapter, including county-owned facilities for agricultural promotion.

(iii) As used in this subsection (2)(b), "capital improvement projects" may include, but not be limited to a stadium restaurant facility, restroom facilities, artificial turf system, seating

facilities, parking facilities and scoreboard and information system adjacent to or within a county owned stadium, together with equipment, utilities, accessories and appurtenances necessary thereto. The stadium restaurant authorized by this subsection (2)(b) must be operated by a private concessionaire under a contract with the county.

(c)(i) No city within a county exempt under (b) of this subsection may levy the tax authorized by this section so long as said county is so exempt.

(ii) No city within a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more may levy the tax authorized by this section.

(iii) However, in the event that any city in a county described in (c)(i) or (ii) of this subsection (2) has levied the tax authorized by this section and has, prior to June 26, 1975, authorized and issued revenue or general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 and 67.28.160, such city may levy the tax so long as the tax revenues are pledged for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued at any time pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 and 67.28.160.

(3) Any levy authorized by this section by a county that has a population of one million five hundred thousand or more is subject to the following:

(a) Taxes collected under this section in any calendar year before 2013 in excess of five million three hundred thousand dollars may only be used as follows:

(i) Seventy percent from January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2012, for art museums, cultural museums, heritage museums, the arts, and the performing arts. Moneys spent under this subsection (3)(a)(i) must be used for the purposes of this subsection (3)(a)(i) in all parts of the county.

(ii) Thirty percent from January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2012, for the following purposes and in a manner reflecting the following order of priority: Stadium purposes as authorized under subsection (2)(b) of this section; acquisition of open space lands; youth sports activities; and tourism promotion. If all or part of the debt on the stadium is refinanced, all revenues under this subsection (3)(a)(ii) must be used to retire the debt.

(b) From January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2015, all revenues under this section must be used to retire the debt on the stadium, until the debt on the stadium is retired. On and after the date the debt on the stadium is retired, and through December 31, 2015, all revenues under this section in a county of one million five hundred thousand or more must be deposited in the special account under (e) of this subsection.

(c) From January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2020, all revenues under this section must be deposited in the stadium and exhibition center account under RCW 43.99N.060.

(d) On and after January 1, 2021, the revenues under this section must be used as follows:

(i) At least thirty-seven and one-half percent of the revenues under this section must be deposited in the special account under (e) of this subsection.

(ii) At least thirty-seven and one-half percent of the revenues under this section must be used:

(A) For contracts, loans, or grants to nonprofit organizations or public housing authorities for affordable workforce housing within

one-half mile of a transit station, as described under RCW 9.91.025 or for housing, facilities, or services for homeless youth; or

(B) To repay:

(I) General obligation bonds issued pursuant to RCW 67.28.150 to finance such contracts, loans, or grants; or

(II) Revenue bonds issued pursuant to RCW 67.28.160 to finance a fund to make such contracts, loans, or grants; or

(III) Revenue bonds issued pursuant to RCW 67.28.160 to finance projects authorized by an authority under chapter 43.167 RCW to promote sustainable workplace opportunities near a community impacted by the construction or operation of tourism-related facilities.

(iii) The remainder must be used for capital or operating programs that promote tourism and attract tourists to the county.

(e) At least forty percent of the revenues distributed pursuant to (a)(i) of this subsection must be deposited in a special account. The account may only be used for the purposes of (a)(i) of this subsection.

(f) School districts and schools may not receive revenues distributed pursuant to (a)(i) of this subsection.

(g) Moneys distributed to art museums, cultural museums, heritage museums, the arts, and the performing arts, and moneys distributed for tourism promotion must be in addition to and may not be used to replace or supplant any other funding by the legislative body of the county.

(h) For the purposes of this section:

(i) "Affordable workforce housing" means housing for a single person, family, or unrelated persons living together whose income is at or below 80 percent of the median income, adjusted for household size, for the county where the housing is located; and

(ii) "Tourism promotion" includes activities intended to attract visitors for overnight stays, arts, heritage, and cultural events, and recreational, professional, and amateur sports events. Moneys allocated to tourism promotion in a county with a population of one million or more must be allocated to local public organizations and nonprofit organizations formed for the express purpose of tourism promotion in the county. Such organizations must use moneys from the taxes to promote events in all parts of the county.

(i) No taxes collected under this section may be used for the operation or maintenance of a public stadium that is financed directly or indirectly by bonds to which the tax is pledged. Expenditures for operation or maintenance include all expenditures other than expenditures that directly result in new fixed assets or that directly increase the capacity, life span, or operating economy of existing fixed assets.

(j) No ad valorem property taxes may be used for debt service on bonds issued for a public stadium that is financed by bonds to which the tax is pledged, unless the taxes collected under this section are or are projected to be insufficient to meet debt service requirements on such bonds.

(k) If a substantial part of the operation and management of a public stadium that is financed directly or indirectly by bonds to which the tax is pledged is performed by a nonpublic entity or if a public stadium is sold that is financed directly or indirectly by bonds to which the tax is pledged, any bonds to which the tax is pledged shall be retired. This subsection (3)(k) does not apply in respect to a public stadium under chapter 36.102 RCW transferred to,

owned by, or constructed by a public facilities district under chapter 36.100 RCW or a stadium and exhibition center.

(1) The county may not lease a public stadium that is financed directly or indirectly by bonds to which the tax is pledged to, or authorize the use of the public stadium by, a professional major league sports franchise unless the sports franchise gives the right of first refusal to purchase the sports franchise, upon its sale, to local government. This subsection (3)(1) does not apply to contracts in existence on April 1, 1986.

(4) If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of subsection (3) of this section invalid, then that invalid provision is null and void and the remainder of this section is not affected.

[2021 c 27 s 2; 2015 c 102 s 3; 2011 1st sp.s. c 38 s 1; 2010 1st sp.s. c 26 s 8; 2007 c 189 s 1; (2008 c 264 s 2 expired July 1, 2009); 2002 c 178 s 2; 1997 c 220 s 501 (Referendum Bill No. 48, approved June 17, 1997); 1995 1st sp.s. c 14 s 10; 1995 c 386 s 8. Prior: 1991 c 363 s 139; 1991 c 336 s 1; 1987 c 483 s 1; 1986 c 104 s 1; 1985 c 272 s 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 225 s 1; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 34 s 5; 1970 ex.s. c 89 s 1; 1967 c 236 s 11.]

**Effective date—2021 c 27:** See note following RCW 82.14.530.

**Findings—Intent—2008 c 264:** "The legislature finds that locally funded heritage and arts programs build vital communities and preserve community history and culture. It further finds that within existing revenue sources, local jurisdictions should have the capability to preserve these programs in the future.

The locally funded heritage and arts program in the state's most populated county was established in 1989 using a portion of hotel-motel tax revenues. This program was structured to provide for inflation and an expanding population of the county.

In 1997, the legislature acted to assure the future of the heritage and arts program by creating an endowment fund using these same local funds. This funding mechanism has proved to be inadequate and unless immediately modified will result in a seventy-five percent reduction of funds for the program.

This act will provide a stable and predictable flow of funds to the program, provide for inflation and an expanding population, and assure the future viability of the program within existing revenue flows." [2008 c 264 s 1.]

**Effective date—2008 c 264:** "This act takes effect July 1, 2008." [2008 c 264 s 5.]

**Retroactive application—2002 c 178:** "This act applies retroactively to events occurring on and after September 1, 2001." [2002 c 178 s 6.]

**Effective date—2002 c 178:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [March 27, 2002]." [2002 c 178 s 7.]

**Referendum—Other legislation limited—Legislators' personal intent not indicated—Reimbursements for election—Voters' pamphlet,**

**election requirements—1997 c 220:** See RCW 36.102.800 through 36.102.803.

**Severability—Effective dates—1995 1st sp.s. c 14:** See notes following RCW 36.100.010.

**Severability—1995 c 386:** "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1995 c 386 s 17.]

**Effective date—1995 c 386:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately [May 16, 1995]." [1995 c 386 s 18.]

**Effective date—1991 c 336:** "This act shall take effect January 1, 1992." [1991 c 336 s 3.]

**Purpose—Captions not law—1991 c 363:** See notes following RCW 2.32.180.

**Effective date—1986 c 104:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1986." [1986 c 104 s 2.]

**Severability—1985 c 272:** "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1985 c 272 s 2.]

**RCW 67.28.1801 Credit against sales tax due on same lodging.** Tax collected under RCW 67.28.180 on a sale of lodging shall be credited against the amount of sales tax due to the state under chapter 82.08 RCW on the same sale of lodging. [1998 c 35 s 2.]

**Validation of taxes imposed and collected and actions taken—Effective date—1998 c 35:** See notes following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.28.181 Special excise taxes authorized—Rates—Credits for city or town tax by county—Limits.** (1) The legislative body of any municipality may impose an excise tax on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging that is subject to tax under chapter 82.08 RCW. The rate of tax shall not exceed the lesser of two percent or a rate that, when combined with all other taxes imposed upon sales of lodging within the municipality under this chapter and chapters 36.100, \*67.40, 82.08, and 82.14 RCW, equals twelve percent. A tax under this chapter shall not be imposed in increments smaller than tenths of a percent.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section:

(a) If a municipality was authorized to impose taxes under this chapter or \*RCW 67.40.100 or both with a total rate exceeding four percent before July 27, 1997, such total authorization shall continue



through January 31, 1999, and thereafter the municipality may impose a tax under this section at a rate not exceeding the rate actually imposed by the municipality on January 31, 1999.

(b) If a city or town, other than a municipality imposing a tax under (a) of this subsection, is located in a county that imposed taxes under this chapter with a total rate of four percent or more on January 1, 1997, the city or town may not impose a tax under this section.

(c) If a city has a population of four hundred thousand or more and is located in a county with a population of one million or more, the rate of tax imposed under this chapter by the city shall not exceed the lesser of four percent or a rate that, when combined with all other taxes imposed upon sales of lodging in the municipality under this chapter and chapters 36.100, \*67.40, 82.08, and 82.14 RCW, equals fifteen and two-tenths percent.

(d) If a municipality was authorized to impose taxes under this chapter or \*RCW 67.40.100, or both, at a rate equal to six percent before January 1, 1998, the municipality may impose a tax under this section at a rate not exceeding the rate actually imposed by the municipality on January 1, 1998.

(3) Any county ordinance or resolution adopted under this section shall contain a provision allowing a credit against the county tax for the full amount of any city or town tax imposed under this section upon the same taxable event.

(4) In determining the effective combined rate of tax for purposes of the limit in subsections (1) and (2)(c) of this section, the tax rate under RCW 82.14.530 is not included. [2015 3rd sp.s. c 24 s 703; 2004 c 79 s 8; 1998 c 35 s 1; 1997 c 452 s 3.]

**\*Reviser's note:** A majority of chapter 67.40 RCW was repealed by 2010 1st sp.s. c 15 s 14, effective November 30, 2010. RCW 67.40.020 was repealed by 2010 1st sp.s. c 15 s 15, effective December 30, 2010.

**Construction—2015 3rd sp.s. c 24:** See note following RCW 36.160.030.

**Validation of taxes imposed and collected and actions taken—1998 c 35:** "If a municipality was authorized to impose taxes under chapter 67.28 RCW or RCW 67.40.100 or both with a total rate exceeding four percent before July 27, 1997, any taxes imposed and collected by the municipality on or after July 27, 1997, are validated by this act to the extent the taxes were imposed at rates that would be permitted under chapter 67.28 RCW as amended by this act. All actions taken in connection with the collection and administration of taxes validated under this section, including crediting the taxes against the amount of sales taxes due to the state under chapter 82.08 RCW, are also validated by this act to the extent the actions taken would be permitted under chapter 67.28 RCW as amended by this act." [1998 c 35 s 4.]

**Effective date—1998 c 35:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [March 12, 1998]." [1998 c 35 s 5.]

**Savings—1997 c 452:** "This act does not affect any existing right acquired or liability or obligation incurred under the sections

amended or repealed in this act or under any rule or order adopted under those sections, nor does it affect any proceeding instituted under those sections. As provided in RCW 1.12.020, the sections amended or repealed in this act are continued by section 3 of this act for purposes such as redemption payments on bonds issued in reliance on taxes imposed under those sections. Any moneys held in a fund created under a section repealed in this act shall be deposited in a fund created under section 4 of this act." [1997 c 452 s 23.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**RCW 67.28.1815 Revenue—Special fund—Uses for tourism promotion and tourism facility acquisition and operation.** Except as provided in RCW 67.28.180, all revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter shall be credited to a special fund in the treasury of the municipality imposing such tax and used solely for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of tourism promotion, acquisition of tourism-related facilities, or operation of tourism-related facilities. Municipalities may, under chapter 39.34 RCW, agree to the utilization of revenue from taxes imposed under this chapter for the purposes of funding a multijurisdictional tourism-related facility. [2008 c 264 s 3; 1997 c 452 s 4.]

**Findings—Intent—Effective date—2008 c 264:** See notes following RCW 67.28.180.

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.28.1816 Lodging tax—Tourism promotion.** (1) Lodging tax revenues under this chapter may be used, directly by any municipality or indirectly through a convention and visitors bureau or destination marketing organization for:

- (a) Tourism marketing;
- (b) The marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- (c) Supporting the operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district created under chapters 35.57 and 36.100 RCW; or
- (d) Supporting the operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations described under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) and 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

(2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, applicants applying for use of revenues in this chapter must provide the municipality to which they are applying estimates of how any moneys received will result in increases in the number of people traveling for business or pleasure on a trip:

- (i) Away from their place of residence or business and staying overnight in paid accommodations;

(ii) To a place fifty miles or more one way from their place of residence or business for the day or staying overnight; or

(iii) From another country or state outside of their place of residence or their business.

(b) (i) In a municipality with a population of five thousand or more, applicants applying for use of revenues in this chapter must submit their applications and estimates described under (a) of this subsection to the local lodging tax advisory committee.

(ii) The local lodging tax advisory committee must select the candidates from amongst the applicants applying for use of revenues in this chapter and provide a list of such candidates and recommended amounts of funding to the municipality for final determination. The municipality may choose only recipients from the list of candidates and recommended amounts provided by the local lodging tax advisory committee.

(c) (i) All recipients must submit a report to the municipality describing the actual number of people traveling for business or pleasure on a trip:

(A) Away from their place of residence or business and staying overnight in paid accommodations;

(B) To a place fifty miles or more one way from their place of residence or business for the day or staying overnight; or

(C) From another country or state outside of their place of residence or their business. A municipality receiving a report must: Make such report available to the local legislative body and the public; and furnish copies of the report to the joint legislative audit and review committee and members of the local lodging tax advisory committee.

(ii) The joint legislative audit and review committee must on a biennial basis report to the economic development committees of the legislature on the use of lodging tax revenues by municipalities. Reporting under this subsection must begin in calendar year 2015.

(d) This section does not apply to the revenues of any lodging tax authorized under this chapter imposed by a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more. [2013 c 196 s 1; 2008 c 28 s 1; 2007 c 497 s 2.]

**Effective date—2013 c 196:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect July 1, 2013." [2013 c 196 s 3.]

**RCW 67.28.1817 Lodging tax advisory committee in large municipalities—Submission of proposal for imposition of or change in tax or use—Comments.** (1) Before proposing imposition of a new tax under this chapter, an increase in the rate of a tax imposed under this chapter, repeal of an exemption from a tax imposed under this chapter, or a change in the use of revenue received under this chapter, a municipality with a population of five thousand or more shall establish a lodging tax advisory committee under this section. A lodging tax advisory committee shall consist of at least five members, appointed by the legislative body of the municipality, unless the municipality has a charter providing for a different appointment authority. The committee membership shall include: (a) At least two members who are representatives of businesses required to collect tax

under this chapter; and (b) at least two members who are persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this chapter. Persons who are eligible for appointment under (a) of this subsection are not eligible for appointment under (b) of this subsection. Persons who are eligible for appointment under (b) of this subsection are not eligible for appointment under (a) of this subsection. Organizations representing businesses required to collect tax under this chapter, organizations involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this chapter, and local agencies involved in tourism promotion may submit recommendations for membership on the committee. The number of members who are representatives of businesses required to collect tax under this chapter shall equal the number of members who are involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under this chapter. One member shall be an elected official of the municipality who shall serve as chair of the committee. An advisory committee for a county may include one nonvoting member who is an elected official of a city or town in the county. An advisory committee for a city or town may include one nonvoting member who is an elected official of the county in which the city or town is located. The appointing authority shall review the membership of the advisory committee annually and make changes as appropriate.

(2) Any municipality that proposes imposition of a tax under this chapter, an increase in the rate of a tax imposed under this chapter, repeal of an exemption from a tax imposed under this chapter, or a change in the use of revenue received under this chapter shall submit the proposal to the lodging tax advisory committee for review and comment. The submission shall occur at least forty-five days before final action on or passage of the proposal by the municipality. The advisory committee shall submit comments on the proposal in a timely manner through generally applicable public comment procedures. The comments shall include an analysis of the extent to which the proposal will accommodate activities for tourists or increase tourism, and the extent to which the proposal will affect the long-term stability of the fund created under RCW 67.28.1815. Failure of the advisory committee to submit comments before final action on or passage of the proposal shall not prevent the municipality from acting on the proposal. A municipality is not required to submit an amended proposal to an advisory committee under this section. [1998 c 35 s 3; 1997 c 452 s 5.]

**Validation of taxes imposed and collected and actions taken—**  
**Effective date—1998 c 35:** See notes following RCW 67.28.181.

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.28.183 Exemption from tax—Emergency lodging for homeless persons—Conditions.** (1) The taxes levied under this chapter shall not apply to emergency lodging provided for homeless persons for a period of less than thirty consecutive days under a shelter voucher program administered by an eligible organization.

(2) For the purposes of this exemption, an eligible organization includes only cities, towns, and counties, or their respective agencies, and groups providing emergency food and shelter services. [1992 c 206 s 5; 1988 c 61 s 2.]

**Effective date—1992 c 206:** See note following RCW 82.04.170.

**Effective date—1988 c 61:** See note following RCW 82.08.0299.

**RCW 67.28.184 Use of hotel-motel tax revenues by cities for professional sports franchise facilities limited.** No city imposing the tax authorized under this chapter may use the tax proceeds directly or indirectly to acquire, construct, operate, or maintain facilities or land intended to be used by a professional sports franchise if the county within which the city is located uses the proceeds of its tax imposed under this chapter to directly or indirectly acquire, construct, operate, or maintain a facility used by a professional sports franchise. [1997 c 452 s 13; 1987 1st ex.s. c 8 s 7.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**Severability—1987 1st ex.s. c 8:** "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1987 1st ex.s. c 8 s 17.]

**RCW 67.28.186 Exemption from tax—Temporary medical housing.** The taxes on lodging authorized under this chapter do not apply to sales of temporary medical housing exempt under RCW 82.08.997. [2008 c 137 s 3.]

**Effective date—2008 c 137:** See note following RCW 82.08.997.

**RCW 67.28.200 Special excise tax authorized—Exemptions may be established—Collection.** The legislative body of any municipality may establish reasonable exemptions for taxes authorized under this chapter. The department of revenue shall perform the collection of such taxes on behalf of such municipality at no cost to such municipality. Except as expressly provided in this chapter, all of the provisions contained in RCW 82.08.050 and 82.08.060 and chapter 82.32 RCW shall have full force and application with respect to taxes imposed under the provisions of this chapter. [2004 c 79 s 9; 1997 c 452 s 14; 1993 c 389 s 2; 1991 c 331 s 2; 1988 ex.s. c 1 s 23; 1987 c 483 s 3; 1970 ex.s. c 89 s 2; 1967 c 236 s 13.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.28.220 Powers additional and supplemental to other laws.**

The powers and authority conferred upon municipalities under the provisions of this chapter shall be construed as in addition and supplemental to powers or authority conferred by any other law, and nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting any other powers or authority of such municipalities. [1967 c 236 s 15.]

**RCW 67.28.225 Compliance with prevailing wages on public works provisions.** A port district and any municipality or other entity involved in a joint venture or project with a port district under this chapter shall comply with the provisions of chapter 39.12 RCW. However, nothing in this section should be interpreted as a legislative intent to expand the application of chapter 39.12 RCW. [2007 c 476 s 2.]

**RCW 67.28.8001 Reports by municipalities—Summary and analysis by department of commerce.** (1) Each municipality imposing a tax under chapter 67.28 RCW [this chapter] shall submit a report to the department of commerce on October 1, 1998, and October 1, 2000. Each report shall include the following information:

(a) The rate of tax imposed under chapter 67.28 RCW [this chapter];

(b) The total revenue received under chapter 67.28 RCW [this chapter] for each of the preceding six years;

(c) A list of projects and activities funded with revenue received under chapter 67.28 RCW [this chapter]; and

(d) The amount of revenue under chapter 67.28 RCW [this chapter] expended for each project and activity.

(2) The department of commerce shall summarize and analyze the data received under subsection (1) of this section in a report submitted to the legislature on January 1, 1999, and January 1, 2001. The report shall include, but not be limited to, analysis of factors contributing to growth in revenue received under chapter 67.28 RCW [this chapter] and the effects of projects and activities funded with revenue received under chapter 67.28 RCW [this chapter] on tourism growth. [2023 c 470 s 2111; 1997 c 452 s 6.]

**Explanatory statement—2023 c 470:** See note following RCW 10.99.030.

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**Chapter 67.30 RCW**  
**MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS STADIA**

**Sections**

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*Multipurpose community centers: Chapter 35.59 RCW.*

*Professional sports franchise, cities authorized to own and operate: RCW 35.21.695.*

*Stadia, coliseums, powers of counties to build and operate: RCW 36.68.090.*

**RCW 67.30.010 Declaration of public purpose and necessity.** The participation of counties and cities in multipurpose sports stadia which may be used for football, baseball, soccer, conventions, home shows or any and all similar activities; the purchase, lease, condemnation, or other acquisition of necessary real property therefor; the acquisition by condemnation or otherwise, lease, construction, improvement, maintenance, and equipping of buildings or other structures upon such real property or other real property; the operation and maintenance necessary for such participation, and the exercise of any other powers herein granted to counties and cities, are hereby declared to be public, governmental, and municipal functions, exercised for a public purpose, and matters of public necessity, and such real property and other property acquired, constructed, improved, maintained, equipped, and used by counties and cities in the manner and for the purposes enumerated in this chapter shall and are hereby declared to be acquired, constructed, improved, maintained, equipped and used for public, governmental, and municipal purposes and as a matter of public necessity. [1967 c 166 s 2.]

**RCW 67.30.020 Participation by cities and counties—Powers—Costs, how paid.** The counties and cities are authorized, upon passage of an ordinance in the prescribed manner, to participate in the financing, construction, acquisition, operation, and maintenance of multipurpose sports stadia within their boundaries. Counties and cities are also authorized, through their governing authorities, to purchase, lease, condemn, or otherwise acquire property, real or personal; to construct, improve, maintain and equip buildings or other structures; and expend moneys for investigations, planning, operations, and maintenance necessary for such participation.

The cost of any such acquisition, condemnation, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, investigations, planning, operation, or maintenance necessary for such participation may be paid for by appropriation of moneys available therefor, gifts, or wholly or partly from the proceeds of revenue bonds as the governing authority may determine. [1967 c 166 s 3.]

**RCW 67.30.030 Issuance of revenue bonds—Limitations—Retirement.**

Any revenue bonds to be issued by any county or city pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall be authorized and issued in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state for the issuance and authorization of bonds thereof for public purposes generally: PROVIDED, That the bonds shall not be issued for a period beyond the life of the improvement to be acquired by the use of the bonds.

The bonding authority authorized for the purposes of this chapter shall be limited to the issuance of revenue bonds payable from a special fund or funds created solely from revenues derived from the facility. The owners and holders of such bonds shall have a lien and charge against the gross revenue of the facility. Such revenue bonds and the interest thereon against such fund or funds shall be a valid claim of the holders thereof only as against such fund or funds and the revenue pledged therefor, and shall not constitute a general indebtedness of the municipality. The governing authority of any county or city may by ordinance take such action as may be necessary and incidental to the issuance of such bonds and the retirement thereof. The provisions of chapter 36.67 RCW not inconsistent with this chapter shall apply to the issuance and retirement of any such revenue bonds. [1967 c 166 s 4.]

**RCW 67.30.040 Power to appropriate and raise moneys.**

The governing body having power to appropriate moneys within any county or city for the purpose of purchasing, condemning, leasing or otherwise acquiring property, constructing, improving, maintaining, and equipping buildings or other structures, and the investigations, planning, operation or maintenance necessary to participation in any such all-purpose or multipurpose sports stadium, is hereby authorized to appropriate and cause to be raised by taxation or otherwise moneys sufficient to carry out such purpose. [1967 c 166 s 5.]

**RCW 67.30.050 Powers additional and supplemental to other laws.**

The powers and authority conferred upon counties and cities under the provisions of this chapter, shall be construed as in addition and supplemental to powers or authority conferred by any other law, and nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting any other such powers or authority. [1967 c 166 s 6.]



**Chapter 67.38 RCW**  
**CULTURAL ARTS, STADIUM AND CONVENTION DISTRICTS**

**Sections**

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**RCW 67.38.010 Purpose.** The legislature finds that expansion of a cultural tourism would attract new visitors to our state and aid the development of a nonpolluting industry. The creation or renovation, and operation of cultural arts, stadium and convention facilities benefiting all the citizens of this state would enhance the recreational industry's ability to attract such new visitors. The additional income and employment resulting therefrom would strengthen the economic base of the state.

It is declared that the construction, modification, renovation, and operation of facilities for cultural arts, stadium and convention uses will enhance the progress and economic growth of this state. The continued growth and development of this recreational industry provides for the general welfare and is an appropriate matter of concern to the people of the state of Washington. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 1.]

**RCW 67.38.020 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, for the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Cultural arts, stadium and convention district," or "district," means a quasi municipal corporation of the state of Washington created pursuant to this chapter.

(2) "Component city" means an incorporated city within a public cultural arts, stadium and convention benefit area.

(3) "City" means any city or town.

(4) "City council" means the legislative body of any city.

(5) "Municipality" means a port district, public school district or community college district. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 2.]

**RCW 67.38.030 Cultural arts, stadium and convention district—**  
**Creation.** (1) The process to create a cultural arts, stadium and convention district may be initiated by:

(a) The adoption of a resolution by the county legislative authority calling for a public hearing on the proposed creation of such a district and delineating proposed boundaries of the district; or

(b) The governing bodies of two or more cities located within the same county adopting resolutions calling for a public hearing on the proposed creation of such a district and delineating proposed boundaries of such a district: PROVIDED, That this method may not be used more frequently than once in any twelve-month period in the same county; or

(c) The filing of a petition with the county legislative authority, calling for a public hearing on the proposed creation of such a district and delineating proposed boundaries of the district, that is signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters residing in the proposed district at the last general election. Such signatures will be certified by the county auditor or the county elections department.

(2) Within sixty days of the adoption of such resolutions, or presentation of such a petition, the county legislative authority shall hold a public hearing on the proposed creation of such a district. Notice of the hearing shall be published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the proposed boundaries of the district. The notice shall include a general description and map of the proposed boundaries. Additional notice shall also be mailed to the governing body of each city and municipality located all or partially within the proposed district. At such hearing, or any continuation thereof, any interested party may appear and be heard on the formation of the proposed district.

The county legislative authority shall delete the area included within the boundaries of a city from the proposed district if prior to the public hearing the city submits to the county legislative authority a copy of an adopted resolution requesting its deletion from the proposed district. The county legislative authority may delete any other areas from the proposed boundaries. Additional territory may be included within the proposed boundaries, but only if such inclusion is subject to a subsequent hearing, with notice provided in the same manner as for the original hearing.

(3) A proposition to create a cultural arts, stadium and convention district shall be submitted to the voters of the proposed district within two years of the adoption of a resolution providing for such submittal by the county legislative authority at the conclusion of such hearings. The resolution shall establish the boundaries of the district and include a finding that the creation of the district is in the public interest and that the area included within the district can reasonably be expected to benefit from its creation. No portion of a city may be included in such a district unless the entire city is included. The boundaries of such a district shall follow school district or community college boundaries in as far as practicable.

(4) The proposition to create a cultural arts, stadium and convention district shall be submitted to the voters of the proposed district at the next general election held sixty or more days after

the adoption of the resolution. The district shall be created upon approval of the proposition by simple majority vote. The ballot proposition submitted to the voters shall be in substantially the following form:

FORMATION OF CULTURAL ARTS,  
STADIUM AND CONVENTION  
DISTRICT . . . . .

Shall a cultural arts, stadium and convention district be established for the area described in a resolution of the legislative authority of . . . . . county, adopted on the . . . . day of . . . . ., (year) . . . .?

Yes .....  
No .....

[2016 c 202 s 48; 1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 3.]

**RCW 67.38.040 Multicounty district—Creation.** A joint hearing by the legislative authorities of two or more counties on the proposed creation of a cultural arts, stadium and convention district including areas within such counties may be held as provided herein:

(1) The process to initiate such a hearing shall be identical with the process provided in RCW 67.38.030(1), except a resolution of all the legislative authorities of each county with territory proposed to be included shall be necessary.

(2) No territory may be added to or deleted from such a proposed district, except by action of the county legislative authority of the county within whose boundaries the territory lies pursuant to the process provided in RCW 67.38.030.

(3) The resolutions shall each contain identical provisions concerning the governing body, as delineated in RCW 67.38.050. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 4.]

**RCW 67.38.050 Governing body.** The number of persons on the governing body of the district and how such persons shall be selected and replaced shall be included in the resolution of the county legislative authority providing for the submittal of the proposition to create the district to the voters. Members of the governing body may only consist of a combination of city councilmembers or mayors of the city or cities included within the district, members of the county legislative authority, the county executive of a county operating under a home rule charter, elected members of the governing bodies of municipalities located within the district, and members of the board of regents of a community college district. No governing body may consist of more than nine members. The resolution may also provide for additional, ex officio, nonvoting members consisting of elected officials or appointed officials from the counties, cities, or municipalities which are located all or partially within the boundaries of such a district and who [which] do not have elected or appointed officials sitting on the governing body.

Any member of the governing body, or any ex officio member, who is not an elective official whose office is a full-time position may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred in attending

meetings or engaging in other district business as provided in RCW 42.24.090. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 5.]

**RCW 67.38.060 Comprehensive plan—Development—Elements.** The cultural arts, stadium and convention district, as authorized in this chapter, shall develop a comprehensive cultural arts, stadium and convention plan for the district. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to the following elements:

(1) The levels of cultural arts, stadium and convention services that can be reasonably provided for various portions of the district.

(2) The funding requirements, including local tax sources or federal funds, necessary to provide various levels of service within the district.

(3) The impact of such a service on other cultural arts, stadium and convention systems operating within that county or adjacent counties. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 6.]

**RCW 67.38.070 Comprehensive plan—Review—Approval or disapproval—Resubmission.** The comprehensive cultural arts, stadium and convention plan adopted by the district shall be reviewed by the department of commerce to determine:

(1) Whether the plan will enhance the progress of the state and provide for the general welfare of the population; and

(2) Whether such plan is eligible for matching federal funds.

After reviewing the comprehensive cultural arts, stadium and convention plan, the department of commerce shall have sixty days in which to approve such plan and to certify to the state treasurer that such district shall be eligible to receive funds. To be approved a plan shall provide for coordinated cultural arts, stadium and convention planning, and be consistent with the public cultural arts, stadium and convention coordination criteria in a manner prescribed by chapter 35.60 RCW. In the event such comprehensive plan is disapproved and ruled ineligible to receive funds, the department of commerce shall provide written notice to the district within thirty days as to the reasons for such plan's disapproval and such ineligibility. The district may resubmit such plan upon reconsideration and correction of such deficiencies cited in such notice of disapproval. [2023 c 470 s 2112; 1995 c 399 s 167; 1985 c 6 s 22; 1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 7.]

**Explanatory statement—2023 c 470:** See note following RCW 10.99.030.

**RCW 67.38.080 Annexation election.** An election to authorize the annexation of contiguous territory to a cultural arts, stadium and convention district may be submitted to the voters of the area proposed to be annexed upon the passage of a resolution of the governing body of the district. Approval by simple majority vote shall authorize such annexation. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 8.]

**RCW 67.38.090 District as quasi municipal corporation—General powers.** A cultural arts, stadium and convention district is a quasi municipal corporation, an independent taxing "authority" within the

meaning of Article VII, section 1, of the state Constitution, and a "taxing district" within the meaning of Article VII, section 2, of the state Constitution. A district shall constitute a body corporate and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for public purpose. In addition to the powers specifically granted by this chapter, a district shall have all powers which are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. A cultural arts, stadium and convention district may contract with the United States or any agency thereof, any state or agency thereof, any other cultural arts, stadium and convention district, any county, city, metropolitan municipal corporation, special district, or governmental agency, within or without the state, and any private person, firm or corporation for the purpose of receiving gifts or grants or securing loans or advances for preliminary planning and feasibility studies, or for the design, construction or renovation or operation of cultural arts, stadium and convention facilities. In addition, a district may contract with any governmental agency or with any private person, firm or corporation for the use by either contracting party of all or any part of the facilities, structures, lands, interests in lands, air rights over lands and rights-of-way of all kinds which are owned, leased or held by the other party and for the purpose of planning, constructing or operating any facility or performing any service which the cultural arts, stadium and convention district may be authorized to operate or perform, on such terms as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties. Before any contract for the lease or operation of any cultural arts, stadium and convention district facilities shall be let to any private person, firm or corporation, competitive bids shall be called upon such notice, bidder qualifications and bid conditions as the district shall determine.

A district may sue and be sued in its corporate capacity in all courts and in all proceedings. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 9.]

**RCW 67.38.100 Additional powers.** The governing body of a cultural arts, stadium and convention district shall have the following powers in addition to the general powers granted by this chapter:

(1) To prepare, adopt and carry out a general comprehensive plan for cultural arts, stadium and convention service which will best serve the residents of the district and to amend said plan from time to time to meet changed conditions and requirements.

(2) To acquire by purchase, gift or grant and to lease, convey, construct, add to, improve, replace, repair, maintain, and operate cultural arts, stadium and convention facilities and properties within the district, including portable and mobile facilities and parking facilities and properties and such other facilities and properties as may be necessary for passenger and vehicular access to and from such facilities and properties, together with all lands, rights-of-way, property, equipment and accessories necessary for such systems and facilities. Cultural arts, stadium and convention facilities and properties which are presently owned by any component city, county or municipality may be acquired or used by the district only with the consent of the legislative authority, council or governing body of the component city, county or municipality owning such facilities. A component city, county or municipality is hereby authorized to convey or lease such facilities to a district or to contract for their joint use on such terms as may be fixed by agreement between the component

city, county or municipality and the district, without submitting the matter to the voters of such component city, county or municipality.

(3) To fix rates and charges for the use of such facilities.  
[1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 10.]

**RCW 67.38.110 Issuance of general obligation bonds—Maturity—Excess levies.** To carry out the purpose of this chapter, any cultural arts, stadium and convention district shall have the power to issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes only, not to exceed an amount, together with any outstanding nonvoter approved general obligation indebtedness equal to three-eighths of one percent of the value of taxable property within such district, as the term "value of taxable property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015. A cultural arts, stadium and convention district is additionally authorized to issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes only, together with any outstanding general obligation indebtedness, not to exceed an amount equal to three-fourths of one percent of the value of the taxable property within the district, as the term "value of taxable property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015, and to provide for the retirement thereof by excess levies when the voters approve a ballot proposition providing for both the bond issuance and imposition of such levies at a special election called for that purpose in the manner prescribed by section 6, Article VIII and section 2, Article VII of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.056. Elections shall be held as provided in RCW 39.36.050. General obligation bonds may not be issued with maturities in excess of forty years. Such bonds shall be issued and sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW. [1984 c 186 s 57; 1983 c 167 s 169; 1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 11.]

**Purpose—1984 c 186:** See note following RCW 39.46.110.

**Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167:** See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

**RCW 67.38.115 Community revitalization financing—Public improvements.** In addition to other authority that a cultural arts, stadium, and convention center district possesses, a cultural arts, stadium, and convention center district may provide any public improvement as defined under RCW 39.89.020, but this additional authority is limited to participating in the financing of the public improvements as provided under RCW 39.89.050.

This section does not limit the authority of a cultural arts, stadium, and convention center district to otherwise participate in the public improvements if that authority exists elsewhere. [2001 c 212 s 20.]

**RCW 67.38.120 Revenue bonds—Issuance, sale, term, payment.** (1) To carry out the purposes of this chapter, the cultural arts, stadium and convention district shall have the power to issue revenue bonds: PROVIDED, That the district governing body shall create or have created a special fund or funds for the sole purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds of each such issue, into which fund or funds the governing body may obligate the district to pay such

amounts of the gross revenue of all or any part of the facilities constructed, acquired, improved, repaired or replaced pursuant to this chapter, as the governing body shall determine: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the principal of and interest on such bonds shall be payable only out of such special fund or funds, and the owners of such bonds shall have a lien and charge against the gross revenue pledged to such fund. Such bonds may be in any form, including bearer bonds or registered bonds as provided in RCW 39.46.030.

The governing body of a district shall have such further powers and duties in carrying out the purposes of this chapter as provided in RCW 67.28.160.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, such bonds may be issued and sold in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW. [1983 c 167 s 170; 1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 12.]

**Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167:** See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

**RCW 67.38.130 Cultural arts, stadium and convention district tax levies.** The governing body of a cultural arts, stadium and convention district may levy or cause to levy the following ad valorem taxes:

(1) Regular ad valorem property tax levies in an amount equal to twenty-five cents or less per thousand dollars of the assessed value of property in the district in each year for six consecutive years when specifically authorized so to do by a majority of at least three-fifths of the electors thereof approving a proposition authorizing the levies submitted at a general or special election, at which election the number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition shall constitute three-fifths of a number equal to forty percentum of the total votes cast in such taxing district at the last preceding general election; or by a majority of at least three-fifths of the electors thereof voting on the proposition when the number of electors voting yes on the proposition exceeds forty percentum of the total votes cast in such taxing district in the last preceding general election. Ballot propositions shall conform with RCW 29A.36.210.

In the event a cultural arts, stadium and convention district is levying property taxes, which in combination with property taxes levied by other taxing districts subject to the one percent limitation provided for in Article VII, section 2, of our state Constitution result in taxes in excess of the limitation provided for in RCW 84.52.043, the cultural arts, stadium and convention district property tax levy shall be reduced or eliminated before the property tax levies of other taxing districts are reduced: PROVIDED, That no cultural arts, stadium, and convention district may pledge anticipated revenues derived from the property tax herein authorized as security for payments of bonds issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this section: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That such limitation shall not apply to property taxes approved pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 shall apply to levies after the first levy authorized under this section following the approval of such levy by voters pursuant to this section.

(2) An annual excess ad valorem property tax for general district purposes when authorized by the district voters in the manner prescribed by section 2, Article VII of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.052.

(3) Multi-year excess ad valorem property tax levies used to retire general obligation bond issues when authorized by the district voters in the manner prescribed by section 2, Article VII of the Constitution and by RCW 84.52.056.

The district shall include in its regular property tax levy for each year a sum sufficient to pay the interest and principal on all outstanding general obligation bonds issued without voter approval pursuant to RCW 67.38.110 and may include a sum sufficient to create a sinking fund for the redemption of all outstanding bonds. [2015 c 53 s 91; 1984 c 131 s 4; 1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 13.]

**Purpose—1984 c 131 ss 3-9:** See note following RCW 29A.36.210.

**RCW 67.38.140 Contribution of sums for limited purposes.** The county or counties and each component city included in the district collecting or planning to collect the hotel/motel tax under chapter 67.28 RCW may contribute such revenue in such manner as shall be agreed upon between them, consistent with this chapter and chapter 67.28 RCW. [1997 c 452 s 18; 1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 14.]

**Intent—Severability—1997 c 452:** See notes following RCW 67.28.080.

**Savings—1997 c 452:** See note following RCW 67.28.181.

**RCW 67.38.150 Treasurer and auditor—Bond—Duties—Funds—Depositaries.** Unless the cultural arts, stadium and convention district governing body, by resolution, designates some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters as treasurer of the district, the treasurer of the county in which a cultural arts, stadium and convention district is located shall be ex officio treasurer of the district: PROVIDED, That in the case of a multicounty cultural arts, stadium and convention district, the county treasurer of the county with the greatest amount of area within the district shall be the ex officio treasurer of the district. The district may, and if the treasurer is not a county treasurer shall, require a bond for such treasurer with a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Washington, in an amount and under the terms and conditions as agreed to by the district, by resolution, in such amount from time to time which will protect the authority against loss. The premium on any such bond shall be paid by the authority.

All district funds shall be paid to the treasurer and shall be disbursed by the treasurer only on warrants issued by an auditor appointed by the district, upon orders or vouchers approved by the governing body. The treasurer shall establish a "cultural arts, stadium and convention fund," into which shall be paid district funds as provided in RCW 67.38.140 and the treasurer shall maintain such special funds as may be created by the governing body into which said treasurer shall place all moneys as the governing body may, by resolution, direct.

If the treasurer of the district is a treasurer of the county, all district funds shall be deposited with the county depositary under the same restrictions, contracts, and security as provided for county depositaries; the county auditor of such county shall keep the records



of the receipts and disbursements, and shall draw, and such county treasurer shall honor and pay all warrants, which shall be approved before issuance and payment as directed by the district. [1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 15.]

**RCW 67.38.160 Dissolution and liquidation.** A cultural arts, stadium and convention district established in accordance with this chapter shall be dissolved and its affairs liquidated by either of the following methods:

(1) When so directed by a majority of persons in the district voting on such question. An election placing such question before the voters may be called in the following manner:

(a) By resolution of the cultural arts, stadium and convention district governing authority;

(b) By resolution of the county legislative body or bodies with the concurrence therein by resolution of the city council of a component city; or

(c) By petition calling for such election signed by at least ten percent of the qualified voters residing within the district filed with the auditor of the county wherein the largest portion of the district is located. The auditor shall examine the same and certify to the sufficiency of the signatures thereon: PROVIDED, That to be validated, signatures must have been collected within a ninety-day period as designated by the petition sponsors.

With dissolution of the district, any outstanding obligations and bonded indebtedness of the district shall be satisfied or allocated by mutual agreement to the county or counties and component cities of the cultural arts, stadium and convention district.

(2) By submission of a petition signed by at least two-thirds of the legislative bodies who have representatives on the district governing body for an order of dissolution to the superior court of a county of the district. All of the signatures must have been collected within one hundred twenty days of the date of submission to the court. The procedures for dissolution provided in RCW 53.48.030 through 53.48.120 shall apply, except that the balance of any assets, after payment of all costs and expenses, shall be divided among the county or counties and component cities of the district on a per capita basis. Any duties to be performed by a county official pursuant to RCW 53.48.030 through 53.48.120 shall be performed by the relevant official of the county in which the petition for dissolution is filed. [1999 c 254 s 1; 1982 1st ex.s. c 22 s 16.]

**Chapter 67.42 RCW  
AMUSEMENT RIDES**

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**RCW 67.42.010 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Amusement structure" means electrical or mechanical devices or combinations of devices operated for revenue and to provide amusement or entertainment to viewers or audiences at carnivals, fairs, or amusement parks. "Amusement structure" also means a bungee jumping device regardless of where located. "Amusement structure" does not include games in which a member of the public must perform an act, nor concessions at which customers may make purchases.

(2) "Amusement ride" means any vehicle, boat, bungee jumping device, or other mechanical device moving upon or within a structure, along cables or rails, through the air by centrifugal force or otherwise, or across water, that is used to convey one or more individuals for amusement, entertainment, diversion, or recreation. "Amusement ride" includes, but is not limited to, devices commonly known as skyrides, ferris wheels, carousels, parachute towers, tunnels of love, bungee jumping devices, and roller coasters. "Amusement ride" does not include: (a) Conveyances for persons in recreational winter sports activities such as ski lifts, ski tows, j-bars, t-bars, and similar devices subject to regulation under \*chapter 70.88 RCW; (b) any single-passenger coin-operated ride that is manually, mechanically, or electrically operated and customarily placed in a public location and that does not normally require the supervision or services of an operator; (c) nonmechanized playground equipment, including but not limited to, swings, seesaws, stationary spring-mounted animal features, rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, climbers, slides, trampolines, and physical fitness devices; or (d) water slides.

(3) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

(4) "Insurance policy" means an insurance policy written by an insurer authorized to do business in this state under Title 48 RCW. [1993 c 203 s 2; 1985 c 262 s 1.]

**\*Reviser's note:** Chapter 70.88 RCW was recodified as chapter 79A.40 RCW pursuant to 1999 c 249 s 1601.

**Findings—Intent—1993 c 203:** "(1) The legislature finds that: Bungee jumping is growing in popularity as a new source of entertainment for the citizens of this state;

Individuals have suffered serious injuries in states where the regulation of this activity was minimal or nonexistent; and

The potential for harm to individuals participating in this activity likely increases in the absence of state regulation of these activities.

(2) It is the intent of the legislature to require bungee jumping operations to be regulated by the state to the extent necessary to protect the health and safety of individuals participating in this activity." [1993 c 203 s 1.]

**RCW 67.42.020 Requirements—Operation of amusement ride or structure—Bungee jumping device inspection.** Before operating any amusement ride or structure, the owner or operator shall:

(1) Obtain a permit pursuant to RCW 67.42.030;

(2) Have the amusement ride or structure inspected for safety at least once annually by an insurer, a person with whom the insurer has contracted, or a person who meets the qualifications set by the department and obtain from the insurer or person a written certificate that the inspection has been made and that the amusement ride or structure meets the standards for coverage and is covered by the insurer as required by subsection (3) of this section. A bungee jumping device, including, but not limited to, the crane, tower, balloon or bridge, person lift basket, platforms, bungee cords, end attachments, anchors, carabiners or locking devices, harnesses, landing devices, and additional ride operation hardware shall be inspected for safety prior to beginning operation and annually by an insurer, a person with whom the insurer has contracted, or a person authorized by the department to inspect bungee jumping devices. The operator of the bungee jumping device shall obtain a written certificate which states that the required inspection has been made and the bungee jumping device meets the standards for coverage and is covered by the insurer as required by subsection (3) of this section;

(3) Have and keep in effect an insurance policy in an amount not less than one million dollars per occurrence insuring: (a) The owner or operator; and (b) any municipality or county on whose property the amusement ride or structure stands, or any municipality or county which has contracted with the owner or operator against liability for injury to persons arising out of the use of the amusement ride or structure;

(4) File with the department the inspection certificate and insurance policy required by this section; and

(5) File with each sponsor, lessor, landowner, or other person responsible for an amusement structure or ride being offered for use by the public a certificate stating that the insurance required by subsection (3) of this section is in effect. [1993 c 203 s 3; 1986 c 86 s 1; 1985 c 262 s 2.]

**Findings—Intent—1993 c 203:** See note following RCW 67.42.010.

**RCW 67.42.025 Inspections and inspectors—Comparable regulation and comparable qualification.** (1) An amusement ride that has been inspected in any state, territory, or possession of the United States that, in the discretion of the department, has a level of regulation comparable to this chapter, shall be deemed to meet the inspection requirement of this chapter.

(2) An amusement ride inspector who is authorized to inspect amusement rides in any state, territory, or possession of the United States, who, in the discretion of the department, has a level of qualifications comparable to those required under this chapter, shall be deemed qualified to inspect amusement rides under this chapter. [1986 c 86 s 2.]

**RCW 67.42.030 Permit—Application—Decal.** (1) Application for an operating permit to operate an amusement ride or structure shall be made on an annual basis by the owner or operator of the amusement ride or structure. The application shall be made on forms prescribed by the department and shall include the certificate required by RCW 67.42.020(2).

(2) The department shall issue a decal with each permit. The decal shall be affixed on or adjacent to the control panel of the amusement ride or structure in a location visible to the patrons of the ride or structure. [1985 c 262 s 3.]

**RCW 67.42.040 Permit—Duration—Material modification of ride or structure—Bungee jumping device replacement, movement, purchase.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section or unless a shorter period is specified by the department, permits issued under RCW 67.42.030 are valid for a one-year period.

(2) If an amusement ride or structure is materially rebuilt or materially modified so as to change the original action of the amusement ride or structure, the amusement ride or structure shall be subject to a new inspection under RCW 67.42.020 and the owner or operator shall apply for a new permit under RCW 67.42.030.

(3) If an amusement ride or structure for which a permit has been issued pursuant to RCW 67.42.030 is moved and installed in another place but is not materially rebuilt or materially modified so as to change the original action of the amusement ride or structure, no new permit is required prior to the expiration of the permit.

(4) A bungee jumping device or a part of a device, including, but not limited to, the crane, person lift basket, mobile crane, balloon or balloon basket, anchor or anchor attachment structure, or landing device, that is replaced shall be reinspected by an insurer, a person with whom the insurer has contracted, or by a person authorized by the department to inspect bungee jumping devices, and the owner or operator of the device shall apply for a new permit under RCW 67.42.030.

(5) A bungee jumping operator shall have any bungee jumping device or structure that is moved and installed in another location reinspected by an insurer, a person with whom the insurer has contracted, or a person authorized by the department to inspect bungee jumping devices before beginning operation.

(6) Any new operator who purchases an existing bungee jumping device or structure must have the bungee jumping device inspected and

permitted as required under RCW 67.42.020 before beginning operation.  
[1993 c 203 s 4; 1985 c 262 s 4.]

**Findings—Intent—1993 c 203:** See note following RCW 67.42.010.

**RCW 67.42.050 Rules—Orders to cease operation—Administrative proceedings.** (1) The department shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer this chapter. Such rules may exempt amusement rides or structures otherwise subject to this chapter if the amusement rides or structures are located on lands owned by [the] United States government or its agencies and are required to comply with federal safety standards at least equal to those under this chapter.

(2) The department may order in writing the cessation of the operation of an amusement ride or structure for which no valid permit is in effect or for which the owner or operator does not have an insurance policy as required by RCW 67.42.020.

(3) All proceedings relating to permits or orders to cease operation under this chapter shall be conducted pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW. [1985 c 262 s 5.]

**RCW 67.42.060 Fees.** (1) The department may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed ten dollars for each permit issued under RCW 67.42.030. All fees collected by the department under this chapter shall be deposited in the state general fund. This subsection does not apply to permits issued under RCW 67.42.030 to operate a bungee jumping device.

(2) The department may charge a reasonable fee not to exceed one hundred dollars for each permit issued under RCW 67.42.030 to operate a bungee jumping device. Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the state general fund for appropriation for the permitting and inspection of bungee jumping devices under this chapter. [1993 c 203 s 5; 1985 c 262 s 6.]

**Findings—Intent—1993 c 203:** See note following RCW 67.42.010.

**RCW 67.42.070 Penalty.** Any person who operates an amusement ride or structure without complying with the requirements of this chapter is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [1985 c 262 s 7.]

**RCW 67.42.080 Counties and municipalities—Supplemental ordinances.** Nothing contained in this chapter prevents a county or municipality from adopting and enforcing ordinances which relate to the operation of amusement rides or structures and supplement the provisions of this chapter. [1985 c 262 s 8.]

**RCW 67.42.090 Bungee jumping—Permission.** (1) Bungee jumping from a publicly owned bridge or publicly owned land is allowed only if permission has been granted by the government body that has jurisdiction over the bridge or land.

(2) Bungee jumping into publicly owned waters is allowed only if permission has been granted by the government body that has jurisdiction over the body of water.

(3) Bungee jumping from a privately owned bridge is allowed only if permission has been granted by the owner of the bridge. [1993 c 203 s 6.]

**Findings—Intent—1993 c 203:** See note following RCW 67.42.010.

**RCW 67.42.901 Effective date—1985 c 262.** This act shall take effect on January 1, 1986. [1985 c 262 s 11.]

**Chapter 67.70 RCW**  
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*Problem gambling and gambling disorder treatment: RCW 41.05.750.*

**RCW 67.70.010 Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter:

- (1) "Commission" means the state lottery commission established by this chapter;
- (2) "Director" means the director of the state lottery established by this chapter;
- (3) "Lottery" or "state lottery" means the lottery established and operated pursuant to this chapter;
- (4) "Online game" means a lottery game in which a player pays a fee to a lottery retailer and selects a combination of digits, numbers, or symbols, type and amount of play, and receives a computer-generated ticket with those selections, and the lottery separately draws or selects the winning combination or combinations;
- (5) "Shared game lottery" means any lottery activity in which the commission participates under written agreement between the commission, on behalf of the state, and any other state or states.  
[2002 c 349 s 1; 1994 c 218 s 3; 1987 c 511 s 1; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 1.]

**Effective date—1994 c 218:** See note following RCW 9.46.010.

**RCW 67.70.030 State lottery commission created—Membership—Terms—Vacancies—Chair—Quorum.** There is created the state lottery commission to consist of five members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Of the initial members, one shall serve a term of two years, one shall serve a term of three years, one shall serve a term of four years, one shall serve a term of five years, and one shall serve a term of six years. Their successors, all of whom shall be citizen members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, upon being appointed and qualified, shall serve six-year terms. No member of the commission who has served a full six-year term is eligible for reappointment. In case of a vacancy, it shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

The governor shall designate one member of the commission to serve as chair at the governor's pleasure.



A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. [2012 c 117 s 306; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 3.]

**RCW 67.70.040 Powers and duties of commission—When legislative approval required.** The commission shall have the power, and it shall be its duty:

(1) To adopt rules governing the establishment and operation of a state lottery as it deems necessary and desirable in order that such a lottery be initiated at the earliest feasible and practicable time, and in order that such lottery produce the maximum amount of net revenues for the state consonant with the dignity of the state and the general welfare of the people. Such rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(a) The type of lottery to be conducted which may include the selling of tickets or shares, but such tickets or shares may not be sold over the internet. The use of electronic or mechanical devices or video terminals which allow for individual play against such devices or terminals shall be prohibited. An affirmative vote of sixty percent of both houses of the legislature is required before offering any game allowing or requiring a player to become eligible for a prize or to otherwise play any portion of the game by interacting with any device or terminal involving digital, video, or other electronic representations of any game of chance, including scratch tickets, pull-tabs, bingo, poker or other cards, dice, roulette, keno, or slot machines. Approval of the legislature shall be required before entering any agreement with other state lotteries to conduct shared games;

(b) The price, or prices, of tickets or shares in the lottery;

(c) The numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning tickets or shares;

(d) The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares, except as limited by (a) of this subsection;

(e) The manner and time of payment of prizes to the holder of winning tickets or shares which, at the director's option, may be paid in lump sum amounts or installments over a period of years;

(f) The frequency of the drawings or selections of winning tickets or shares. Approval of the legislature is required before conducting any online game in which the drawing or selection of winning tickets occurs more frequently than once every twenty-four hours;

(g) Without limit as to number, the type or types of locations at which tickets or shares may be sold;

(h) The method to be used in selling tickets or shares, except as limited by (a) of this subsection;

(i) The licensing of agents to sell or distribute tickets or shares, except that a person under the age of eighteen shall not be licensed as an agent;

(j) The manner and amount of compensation, if any, to be paid licensed sales agents necessary to provide for the adequate availability of tickets or shares to prospective buyers and for the convenience of the public;

(k) The apportionment of the total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources among:

(i) The payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares, which shall not be less than forty-five percent of the gross annual

revenue from such lottery, (ii) transfers to the lottery administrative account created by RCW 67.70.260, and (iii) transfer to the state's general fund. Transfers to the state general fund shall be made in compliance with RCW 43.01.050;

(1) Such other matters necessary or desirable for the efficient and economical operation and administration of the lottery and for the convenience of the purchasers of tickets or shares and the holders of winning tickets or shares.

(2) To ensure that in each place authorized to sell lottery tickets or shares, on the back of the ticket or share, and in any advertising or promotion there shall be conspicuously displayed an estimate of the probability of purchasing a winning ticket.

(3) To amend, repeal, or supplement any such rules from time to time as it deems necessary or desirable.

(4) To advise and make recommendations to the director for the operation and administration of the lottery.

(5) (a) By June 30, 2021, to adopt rules to establish a program allowing a person to voluntarily exclude themselves from lottery activities including, but not limited to:

(i) Enrolling in a player loyalty or reward program operated or maintained by the lottery;

(ii) Entering or winning any second chance lottery promotion; and

(iii) Claiming or receiving from the lottery any monetary, promotional, or merchandise prize valued at more than six hundred dollars. Monetary prizes valued at more than six hundred dollars must be transferred to the problem gambling account created in RCW 41.05.751 after payment of any debts pursuant to RCW 67.70.255. Promotional and merchandise prizes valued at more than six hundred dollars must be retained by the lottery.

(b) An individual who participates in the self-exclusion program does not have a cause of action against the state of Washington, the commission, or any licensed retailer, its employees, or officers for any acts or omissions in processing or enforcing the requirements of the self-exclusion program.

(c) Any personal information collected, stored, or accessed under the self-exclusion program may not be disseminated for any purpose other than the administration of the self-exclusion program. [2019 c 213 s 3; 2006 c 290 s 3; 1994 c 218 s 4; 1991 c 359 s 1; 1988 c 289 s 801; 1987 c 511 s 2; 1985 c 375 s 1; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 4.]

**State policy—2006 c 290:** See note following RCW 9.46.240.

**Effective date—1994 c 218:** See note following RCW 9.46.010.

**Severability—1988 c 289:** See note following RCW 50.16.070.

**RCW 67.70.042 Scratch games—Baseball stadium construction.** The lottery commission shall conduct at least two but not more than four scratch games with sports themes per year. These games are intended to generate additional moneys sufficient to cover the distributions under \*RCW 67.70.240(4). [1997 c 220 s 207 (Referendum Bill No. 48, approved June 17, 1997); 1995 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 104.]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 67.70.240 was amended by 2013 c 136 s 1, deleting subsection (4).

**Referendum—Other legislation limited—Legislators' personal intent not indicated—Reimbursements for election—Voters' pamphlet, election requirements—1997 c 220:** See RCW 36.102.800 through 36.102.803.

**Part headings not law—Effective date—1995 3rd sp.s. c 1:** See notes following RCW 82.14.0485.

*State contribution for baseball stadium limited: RCW 82.14.0486.*

**RCW 67.70.043 New games—Stadium and exhibition center bonds, operation, and development—Youth athletic facilities.** The lottery commission shall conduct new games that are in addition to any games conducted under RCW 67.70.042 and are intended to generate additional moneys sufficient to cover the distributions under \*RCW 67.70.240(5). No game may be conducted under this section before January 1, 1998. No game may be conducted under this section after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met, and no game is required to be conducted after the distributions cease under \*RCW 67.70.240(5).

For the purposes of this section, the lottery may accept and market prize promotions provided in conjunction with private-sector marketing efforts. [1997 c 220 s 205 (Referendum Bill No. 48, approved June 17, 1997).]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 67.70.240 was amended by 2013 c 136 s 1, changing subsection (5) to subsection (1)(d).

**Referendum—Other legislation limited—Legislators' personal intent not indicated—Reimbursements for election—Voters' pamphlet, election requirements—1997 c 220:** See RCW 36.102.800 through 36.102.803.

**RCW 67.70.044 Shared game lottery.** (1) Pursuant to RCW 67.70.040(1)(a), the commission may enter into the multistate agreement establishing a shared game lottery known as "The Big Game," that was entered into by party state lotteries in August 1996 and subsequently amended and a shared game lottery known as "Powerball."

(2) The shared game lottery account is created as a separate account outside the state treasury. The account is managed, maintained, and controlled by the commission and consists of all revenues received from the sale of shared game lottery tickets or shares, and all other moneys credited or transferred to it from any other fund or source under law. The account is allotted according to chapter 43.88 RCW. During the 2009-2011 and 2025-2027 fiscal biennia, the legislature may transfer from the shared game lottery account to the education legacy trust account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the account. [2025 c 424 s 969; 2010 1st sp.s. c 37 s 940; 2009 c 576 s 1; 2002 c 349 s 2.]

**Effective date—2025 c 424:** See note following RCW 9.46.100.

**Effective date—2010 1st sp.s. c 37:** See note following RCW 13.06.050.

**RCW 67.70.050 Office of director created—Appointment—Salary—**

**Duties.** There is created the office of director of the state lottery. The director shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall receive such salary as is determined by the governor, but in no case may the director's salary be more than ninety percent of the salary of the governor. The director shall:

(1) Supervise and administer the operation of the lottery in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and with the rules of the commission.

(2) Appoint such deputy and assistant directors as may be required to carry out the functions and duties of his or her office: PROVIDED, That the provisions of the state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW, shall not apply to such deputy and assistant directors.

(3) Appoint such professional, technical, and clerical assistants and employees as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed by this chapter: PROVIDED, That the provisions of the state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW, shall not apply to such employees as are engaged in undercover audit or investigative work or security operations but shall apply to other employees appointed by the director, except as provided for in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) In accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules of the commission, license as agents to sell or distribute lottery tickets such persons as in his or her opinion will best serve the public convenience and promote the sale of tickets or shares. The director may require a bond from any licensed agent, in such amount as provided in the rules of the commission. Every licensed agent shall prominently display his or her license, or a copy thereof, as provided in the rules of the commission. License fees may be established by the commission, and, if established, shall be deposited in the state lottery account created by RCW 67.70.230.

(5) Confer regularly as necessary or desirable with the commission on the operation and administration of the lottery; make available for inspection by the commission, upon request, all books, records, files, and other information and documents of the lottery; and advise the commission and recommend such matters as the director deems necessary and advisable to improve the operation and administration of the lottery.

(6) Subject to the applicable laws relating to public contracts, enter into contracts for the operation of the lottery, or any part thereof, and into contracts for the promotion of the lottery. No contract awarded or entered into by the director may be assigned by the holder thereof except by specific approval of the commission: PROVIDED, That nothing in this chapter authorizes the director to enter into public contracts for the regular and permanent administration of the lottery after the initial development and implementation.

(7) Certify quarterly to the state treasurer and the commission a full and complete statement of lottery revenues, prize disbursements, and other expenses for the preceding quarter.

(8) Carry on a continuous study and investigation of the lottery throughout the state: (a) For the purpose of ascertaining any defects in this chapter or in the rules issued thereunder by reason whereof any abuses in the administration and operation of the lottery or any evasion of this chapter or the rules may arise or be practiced, (b) for the purpose of formulating recommendations for changes in this

chapter and the rules promulgated thereunder to prevent such abuses and evasions, (c) to guard against the use of this chapter and the rules issued thereunder as a cloak for the carrying on of professional gambling and crime, and (d) to ensure that this chapter and rules shall be in such form and be so administered as to serve the true purposes of this chapter.

(9) Make a continuous study and investigation of: (a) The operation and the administration of similar laws which may be in effect in other states or countries, (b) the operation of an additional game or games for the benefit of a particular program or purpose, (c) any literature on the subject which from time to time may be published or available, (d) any federal laws which may affect the operation of the lottery, and (e) the reaction of the citizens of this state to existing and potential features of the lottery with a view to recommending or effecting changes that will tend to serve the purposes of this chapter.

(10) Have all enforcement powers granted in chapter 9.46 RCW.

(11) Perform all other matters and things necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter. [2012 c 117 s 307; 1998 c 245 s 106. Prior: 1987 c 511 s 3; 1987 c 505 s 57; 1986 c 158 s 21; 1985 c 375 s 2; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 5.]

**RCW 67.70.055 Activities prohibited to officers, employees, and members.** The director, deputy directors, any assistant directors, and employees of the state lottery and members of the lottery commission shall not:

(1) Serve as an officer or manager of any corporation or organization which conducts a lottery or gambling activity;

(2) Receive or share in, directly or indirectly, the gross profits of any lottery or other gambling activity regulated by the gambling commission;

(3) Be beneficially interested in any contract for the manufacture or sale of gambling devices, the conduct of a lottery or other gambling activity, or the provision of independent consultant services in connection with a lottery or other gambling activity. [1987 c 511 s 4; 1986 c 4 s 2.]

**RCW 67.70.060 Powers of director.** (1) The director or the director's authorized representative may:

(a) Make necessary public or private investigations within or outside of this state to determine whether any person has violated or is about to violate this chapter or any rule or order hereunder, or to aid in the enforcement of this chapter or in the prescribing of rules and forms hereunder; and

(b) Inspect the books, documents, and records of any person lending money to or in any manner financing any license holder or applicant for a license or receiving any income or profits from the use of such license for the purpose of determining compliance or noncompliance with the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(2) For the purpose of any investigation or proceeding under this chapter, the director or an administrative law judge appointed under chapter 34.12 RCW may conduct hearings, administer oaths or affirmations, or upon the director's or administrative law judge's motion or upon request of any party may subpoena witnesses, compel

attendance, take depositions, take evidence, or require the production of any matter which is relevant to the investigation or proceeding, including but not limited to the existence, description, nature, custody, condition, or location of any books, documents, or other tangible things, or the identity or location of persons having knowledge or relevant facts, or any other matter reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of material evidence.

(3) Upon failure to obey a subpoena or to answer questions propounded by the administrative law judge and upon reasonable notice to all persons affected thereby, the director may apply to the superior court for an order compelling compliance.

(4) The administrative law judges appointed under chapter 34.12 RCW may conduct hearings respecting the suspension, revocation, or denial of licenses, may administer oaths, admit or deny admission of evidence, compel the attendance of witnesses, issue subpoenas, issue orders, and exercise all other powers and perform all other functions set out in chapter 34.05 RCW.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all proceedings under this chapter shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW. [1989 c 175 s 123; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 6.]

**Effective date—1989 c 175:** See note following RCW 34.05.010.

#### **RCW 67.70.070 Licenses for lottery sales agents—Factors**

—"Person" defined. No license as an agent to sell lottery tickets or shares may be issued to any person to engage in business exclusively as a lottery sales agent. Before issuing a license, the director shall consider such factors as: (1) The financial responsibility and security of the person and his or her business or activity, (2) the accessibility of his or her place of business or activity to the public, (3) the sufficiency of existing licenses to serve the public convenience, and (4) the volume of expected sales.

For purposes of this section, the term "person" means an individual, association, corporation, club, trust, estate, society, company, joint stock company, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee, or any other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination of individuals. "Person" does not mean any department, commission, agency, or instrumentality of the state, or any county or municipality or any agency or instrumentality thereof, except for retail outlets of the \*state liquor control board. [2012 c 117 s 308; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 7.]

**\*Reviser's note:** The "state liquor control board" was renamed the "state liquor and cannabis board" by 2015 c 70 s 3.

**RCW 67.70.080 License as authority to act.** Any person licensed as provided in this chapter is hereby authorized and empowered to act as a lottery sales agent. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 8.]

**RCW 67.70.090 Denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses.** The director may deny an application for, or suspend or revoke, after notice and hearing, any license issued pursuant to this chapter. Such

license may, however, be temporarily suspended by the director without prior notice, pending any prosecution, investigation, or hearing. A license may be suspended or revoked or an application may be denied by the director for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) Failure to account for lottery tickets received or the proceeds of the sale of lottery tickets or to file a bond if required by the director or to comply with the instructions of the director concerning the licensed activity;

(2) For any of the reasons or grounds stated in RCW 9.46.075 or violation of this chapter or the rules of the commission;

(3) Failure to file any return or report or to keep records or to pay any tax required by this chapter;

(4) Fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or conduct prejudicial to public confidence in the state lottery;

(5) That the number of lottery tickets sold by the lottery sales agent is insufficient to meet administrative costs, or that public convenience is adequately served by other licensees;

(6) A material change, since issuance of the license with respect to any matters required to be considered by the director under RCW 67.70.070.

For the purpose of reviewing any application for a license and for considering the denial, suspension, or revocation of any license the director may consider any prior criminal conduct of the applicant or licensee and the provisions of RCW 9.95.240 and of chapter 9.96A RCW shall not apply to such cases. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 9.]

**RCW 67.70.100 Assignment of rights prohibited—Exceptions—Notices—Assignment of payment of remainder of an annuity—Intervention—Limitation on payment by director—Rules—Recovery of costs of commission—Federal ruling required—Discharge of liability. (1)**

Except under subsection (2) of this section, no right of any person to a prize drawn is assignable, except that payment of any prize drawn may be paid to the estate of a deceased prize winner, and except that any person pursuant to an appropriate judicial order may be paid the prize to which the winner is entitled.

(2)(a) The payment of all or part of the remainder of an annuity may be assigned to another person, pursuant to a voluntary assignment of the right to receive future annual prize payments, if the assignment is made pursuant to an appropriate judicial order of the Thurston county superior court or the superior court of the county in which the prize winner resides, if the winner is a resident of Washington state. If the prize winner is not a resident of Washington state, the winner must seek an appropriate order from the Thurston county superior court.

(b) If there is a voluntary assignment under (a) of this subsection, a copy of the petition for an order under (a) of this subsection and all notices of any hearing in the matter shall be served on the attorney general no later than ten days before any hearing or entry of any order.

(c) The court receiving the petition may issue an order approving the assignment and directing the director to pay to the assignee the remainder or portion of an annuity so assigned upon finding that all of the following conditions have been met:

(i) The assignment has been memorialized in writing and executed by the assignor and is subject to Washington law;

(ii) The assignor provides a sworn declaration to the court attesting to the facts that the assignor has had the opportunity to be represented by independent legal counsel in connection with the assignment, has received independent financial and tax advice concerning the effects of the assignment, and is of sound mind and not acting under duress, and the court makes findings determining so;

(iii) The assignee has provided a one-page written disclosure statement that sets forth in boldface type, fourteen point or larger, the payments being assigned by amount and payment dates, the purchase price, or loan amount being paid; the interest rate or rate of discount to present value, assuming monthly compounding and funding on the contract date; and the amount, if any, of any origination or closing fees that will be charged to the lottery winner. The disclosure statement must also advise the winner that the winner should consult with and rely upon the advice of his or her own independent legal or financial advisors regarding the potential federal and state tax consequences of the transaction; and

(iv) The proposed assignment does not and will not include or cover payments or portions of payments subject to offsets pursuant to RCW 67.70.255 unless appropriate provision is made in the order to satisfy the obligations giving rise to the offset.

(d) The commission may intervene as of right in any proceeding under this section but shall not be deemed an indispensable or necessary party.

(3) The director will not pay the assignee an amount in excess of the annual payment entitled to the assignor.

(4) The commission may adopt rules pertaining to the assignment of prizes under this section, including recovery of actual costs incurred by the commission. The recovery of actual costs shall be deducted from the initial annuity payment made to the assignee.

(5) No voluntary assignment under this section is effective unless and until the national office of the federal internal revenue service provides a ruling that declares that the voluntary assignment of prizes will not affect the federal income tax treatment of prize winners who do not assign their prizes. If at any time the federal internal revenue service or a court of competent jurisdiction provides a determination letter, revenue ruling, other public ruling of the internal revenue service or published decision to any state lottery or state lottery prize winner declaring that the voluntary assignment of prizes will effect the federal income tax treatment of prize winners who do not assign their prizes, the director shall immediately file a copy of that letter, ruling, or published decision with the secretary of state. No further voluntary assignments may be allowed after the date the ruling, letter, or published decision is filed.

(6) The occurrence of any event described in subsection (5) of this section does not render invalid or ineffective assignments validly made and approved pursuant to an appropriate judicial order before the occurrence of any such event.

(7) The requirement for a disclosure statement in subsection (2)(c)(iii) of this section does not apply to any assignment agreement executed before April 21, 1997.

(8) The commission and the director shall be discharged of all further liability upon payment of a prize pursuant to this section. [1997 c 111 s 1; 1996 c 228 s 2; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 10.]



**Effective date—1997 c 111:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [April 21, 1997]." [1997 c 111 s 2.]

**Intent—1996 c 228:** "The Washington state lottery act under chapter 7, Laws of 1982 2nd ex. sess., provides, among other things, that the right of any person to a prize shall not be assignable, except to the estate of a deceased prize winner, or to a person designated pursuant to an appropriate judicial order. Current law and practices provide that those who win lotto jackpots are paid in annual installments over a period of twenty years. The legislature recognizes that some prize winners, particularly elderly persons, those seeking to acquire a small business, and others with unique needs, may not want to wait to be paid over the course of up to twenty years. It is the intent of the legislature to provide a restrictive means to accommodate those prize winners who wish to enjoy more of their winnings currently, without impacting the current fiscal structure of the Washington state lottery commission." [1996 c 228 s 1.]

**RCW 67.70.110 Maximum price of ticket or share limited—Sale by other than licensed agent prohibited.** A person shall not sell a ticket or share at a price greater than that fixed by rule of the commission. No person other than a licensed lottery sales agent shall sell lottery tickets, except that nothing in this section prevents any person from giving lottery tickets or shares to another as a gift. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 11.]

**RCW 67.70.120 Sale to minor prohibited—Exception—Penalties.**  
(1) A ticket or share shall not be sold to any person under the age of eighteen, but this shall not be deemed to prohibit the purchase of a ticket or share for the purpose of making a gift by a person eighteen years of age or older to a person less than that age.  
(2) Any licensee who knowingly sells or offers to sell a lottery ticket or share to any person under the age of eighteen is guilty of a misdemeanor.  
(3) In the event that a person under the age of eighteen years directly purchases a ticket in violation of this section, that person is guilty of a misdemeanor. No prize will be paid to such person and the prize money otherwise payable on the ticket will be treated as unclaimed pursuant to RCW 67.70.190. [2003 c 53 s 303; 1987 c 511 s 6; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 12.]

**Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53:** See notes following RCW 2.48.180.

**RCW 67.70.125 Use of public assistance electronic benefit cards prohibited—Licensee to report violations.** (1) Any licensee authorized under this chapter is prohibited from allowing the use of public assistance electronic benefit cards to purchase lottery tickets or shares authorized under this chapter.

(2) Any licensee authorized under this chapter shall report to the department of social and health services any known violations of RCW 74.08.580. [2002 c 252 s 5.]

**RCW 67.70.130 Prohibited acts—Penalty.** (1) A person shall not alter or forge a lottery ticket. A person shall not claim a lottery prize or share of a lottery prize by means of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. A person shall not conspire, aid, abet, or agree to aid another person or persons to claim a lottery prize or share of a lottery prize by means of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

(2) A violation of this section is a class B felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW. [2003 c 53 s 304; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 13.]

**Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53:** See notes following RCW 2.48.180.

**RCW 67.70.140 Penalty for unlicensed activity.** (1) Any person who conducts any activity for which a license is required by this chapter, or by rule of the commission, without the required license, is guilty of a class B felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

(2) If any corporation conducts any activity for which a license is required by this chapter, or by rule of the commission, without the required license, it may be punished by forfeiture of its corporate charter, in addition to the other penalties set forth in this section. [2003 c 53 s 305; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 14.]

**Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53:** See notes following RCW 2.48.180.

**RCW 67.70.150 Penalty for false or misleading statement or entry or failure to produce documents.** Whoever, in any application for a license or in any book or record required to be maintained or in any report required to be submitted, makes any false or misleading statement, or makes any false or misleading entry or wilfully fails to maintain or make any entry required to be maintained or made, or who wilfully refuses to produce for inspection any book, record, or document required to be maintained or made by federal or state law is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 15.]

**RCW 67.70.160 Penalty for violation of chapter—Exceptions.** Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which no penalty is otherwise provided, or knowingly causes, aids, abets, or conspires with another to cause any person to violate any provision of this chapter is guilty of a class C felony, except where other penalties are specifically provided for in this chapter. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 16.]

**RCW 67.70.170 Penalty for violation of rules—Exceptions.** Any person who violates any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter for

which no penalty is otherwise provided, or knowingly causes, aids, abets, or conspires with another to cause any person to violate any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a gross misdemeanor, except where other penalties are specifically provided for in this chapter. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 17.]

**RCW 67.70.180 Persons prohibited from purchasing tickets or shares or receiving prizes—Penalty.** A ticket or share shall not be purchased by, and a prize shall not be paid to any member of the commission, the director, or an employee of the lottery or to any spouse, child, brother, sister, or parent residing as a member of the same household in the principal place of abode of any member of the commission, the director or an employee of the lottery.

A violation of this section is a misdemeanor. [1987 c 511 s 7; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 18.]

**RCW 67.70.190 Unclaimed prizes.** Unclaimed prizes shall be retained in the state lottery account for the person entitled thereto for one hundred eighty days after the drawing in which the prize is won, or after the official end of the game for instant prizes. If no claim is made for the prize within this time, all rights to the prize shall be extinguished, and the prize shall be retained in the state lottery fund for further use as prizes, except that one-third of all unclaimed prize money shall be deposited in the economic development strategic reserve account created in RCW 43.330.250. On June 30th of each fiscal year, any balance of unclaimed prizes in excess of ten million dollars must be transferred to the Washington opportunity pathways account created in RCW 28B.76.526.

During the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer to the education legacy trust account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance in the state lottery account from unclaimed prizes. [2015 3rd sp.s. c 31 s 1; 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 987; 2009 c 564 s 949; 2005 c 427 s 2; 1994 c 218 s 5; 1988 c 289 s 802; 1987 c 511 s 8; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 19.]

**Effective dates—2013 2nd sp.s. c 4:** See note following RCW 2.68.020.

**Effective date—2009 c 564:** See note following RCW 2.68.020.

**Effective date—1994 c 218:** See note following RCW 9.46.010.

**Severability—1988 c 289:** See note following RCW 50.16.070.

**RCW 67.70.200 Deposit of moneys received by agents from sales—Power of director—Reports.** The director, in his or her discretion, may require any or all lottery sales agents to deposit to the credit of the state lottery account in banks designated by the state treasurer, all moneys received by such agents from the sale of lottery tickets or shares, less the amount, if any, retained as compensation for the sale of the tickets or shares, and to file with the director or his or her designated agents, reports of their receipts and transactions in the sale of lottery tickets in such form and

containing such information as he or she may require. The director may make such arrangements for any person, including a bank, to perform such functions, activities, or services in connection with the operation of the lottery as he or she may deem advisable pursuant to this chapter and the rules of the commission, and such functions, activities, or services shall constitute lawful functions, activities, and services of such person. [2012 c 117 s 309; 1987 c 511 s 9; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 20.]

**RCW 67.70.210 Other law inapplicable to sale of tickets or shares.** No other law, including chapter 9.46 RCW, providing any penalty or disability for the sale of lottery tickets or any acts done in connection with a lottery applies to the sale of tickets or shares performed pursuant to this chapter. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 21.]

**RCW 67.70.220 Payment of prizes to minor.** If the person entitled to a prize is under the age of eighteen years, and such prize is less than five thousand dollars, the director may direct payment of the prize by delivery to an adult member of the minor's family or a guardian of the minor of a check or draft payable to the order of such minor. If the person entitled to a prize is under the age of eighteen years, and such prize is five thousand dollars or more, the director may direct payment to such minor by depositing the amount of the prize in any bank to the credit of an adult member of the minor's family or a guardian of the minor as custodian for such minor. The person so named as custodian shall have the same duties and powers as a person designated as a custodian in a manner prescribed by the Washington uniform transfers to minors act, chapter 11.114 RCW, and for the purposes of this section the terms "adult member of a minor's family," "guardian of a minor," and "bank" shall have the same meaning as in chapter 11.114 RCW. The commission and the director shall be discharged of all further liability upon payment of a prize to a minor pursuant to this section. [1991 c 193 s 30; 1985 c 7 s 128; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 22.]

**Effective date—1991 c 193:** See RCW 11.114.903.

**RCW 67.70.230 State lottery account created.** There is hereby created and established a separate account, to be known as the state lottery account. Such account shall be managed, maintained, and controlled by the commission and shall consist of all revenues received from the sale of lottery tickets or shares, and all other moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law. The account shall be a separate account outside the state treasury. No appropriation is required to permit expenditures and payment of obligations from the account. During the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer from the state lottery account to the education legacy trust account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the account. [2010 1st sp.s. c 37 s 941; 1985 c 375 s 4; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 23.]

**Effective date—2010 1st sp.s. c 37:** See note following RCW 13.06.050.

**RCW 67.70.240 Use of moneys in state lottery account limited.**

(1) The moneys in the state lottery account may be used only:

(a) For the payment of prizes to the holders of winning lottery tickets or shares;

(b) For purposes of making deposits into the reserve account created by RCW 67.70.250 and into the lottery administrative account created by RCW 67.70.260;

(c) For purposes of making deposits into the Washington opportunity pathways account created in RCW 28B.76.526. Moneys in the state lottery account deposited in the Washington opportunity pathways account are included in "general state revenues" under RCW 39.42.070;

(d) For distribution to the stadium and exhibition center account, created in RCW 43.99N.060. Subject to the conditions of RCW 43.99N.070, six million dollars must be distributed under this subsection during the calendar year 1998. During subsequent years, such distribution must equal the prior year's distributions increased by four percent. No distribution may be made under this subsection after December 31, 1999, unless the conditions for issuance of the bonds under RCW 43.99N.020(2) are met. Distributions under this subsection must cease when the bonds are retired, but not later than December 31, 2020;

(e) For the purchase and promotion of lottery games and game-related services;

(f) For the payment of agent compensation; and

(g) For distribution to the gambling revolving fund, created in RCW 9.46.100, in amounts specified in the omnibus appropriations act. To meet the cash flow needs of both agencies, the director of the state lottery and the director of the Washington state gambling commission may determine the timing of the distribution, which may include incremental distributions over the course of the fiscal year.

(2) The office of financial management shall require the allotment of all expenses paid from the account and shall report to the ways and means committees of the senate and house of representatives any changes in the allotments. [2015 3rd sp.s. c 31 s 2; 2013 c 136 s 1; 2011 c 352 s 3; 2010 1st sp.s. c 27 s 3. Prior: 2009 c 500 s 11; 2009 c 479 s 44; 2001 c 3 s 4 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000); 1997 c 220 s 206 (Referendum Bill No. 48, approved June 17, 1997); 1995 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 105; 1987 c 513 s 7; 1985 c 375 s 5; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 24.]

**Intent—2011 c 352:** "In recognition of the extraordinary sacrifices made by the men and women serving in the United States armed forces, including Washington state's national guard and reserves, the legislature intends to authorize an ongoing source of funding to preserve the veterans innovations program. This important program provides assistance to military members and their families who face extreme financial hardships due to extended deployments." [2011 c 352 s 1.]

**Findings—Intent—2010 1st sp.s. c 27:** See note following RCW 28B.76.526.

**Effective date—2009 c 500:** See note following RCW 39.42.070.

**Effective date—2009 c 479:** See note following RCW 2.56.030.

**Short title—2001 c 3 (Initiative Measure No. 728):** "This act may be known and cited as the K-12 2000 student achievement act." [2001 c 3 s 1 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000).]

**Purpose—Intent—2001 c 3 (Initiative Measure No. 728):** "The citizens of Washington state expect and deserve great public schools for our generation of school children and for those who will follow. A quality public education system is crucial for our state's future economic success and prosperity, and for our children and their children to lead successful lives.

The purpose of this act is to improve public education and to achieve higher academic standards for all students through smaller class sizes and other improvements. A portion of the state's surplus general fund revenues is dedicated to this purpose.

In 1993, Washington state made a major commitment to improved public education by passing the Washington education reform act. This act established new, higher standards of academic achievement for all students. It also established new levels of accountability for students, teachers, schools, and school districts. However, the K-12 finance system has not been changed to respond to the new standards and individual student needs.

To make higher student achievement a reality, schools need the additional resources and flexibility to provide all students with more individualized quality instruction, more time, and the extra support that they may require. We need to ensure that curriculum, instruction methods, and assessments of student performance are aligned with the new standards and student needs. The current level of state funding does not provide adequate resources to support higher academic achievement for all students. In fact, inflation-adjusted per-student state funding has declined since the legislature adopted the 1993 education reform act.

The erosion of state funding for K-12 education is directly at odds with the state's "paramount duty to make ample provision for the education of all children...." Now is the time to invest some of our surplus state revenues in K-12 education and redirect state lottery funds to education, as was originally intended, so that we can fulfill the state's paramount duty.

Conditions and needs vary across Washington's two hundred ninety-six school districts. School boards accountable to their local communities should therefore have the flexibility to decide which of the following strategies will be most effective in increasing student performance and in helping students meet the state's new, higher academic standards:

- (1) Major reductions in K-4 class size;
- (2) Selected class size reductions in grades 5-12, such as small high school writing classes;
- (3) Extended learning opportunities for students who need or want additional time in school;
- (4) Investments in educators and their professional development;
- (5) Early assistance for children who need prekindergarten support in order to be successful in school; and
- (6) Providing improvements or additions to facilities to support class size reductions and extended learning opportunities.

#### **REDUCING CLASS SIZE**

Smaller classes in the early grades can significantly increase the amount of learning that takes place in the classroom. Washington state now ranks forty-eighth in the nation in its student-teacher ratio. This is unacceptable.

Significant class size reductions will provide our children with more individualized instruction and the attention they need and deserve and will reduce behavioral problems in classrooms. The state's long-term goal should be to reduce class size in grades K-4 to no more than eighteen students per teacher in a class.

The people recognize that class size reduction should be phased-in over several years. It should be accompanied by the necessary funds for school construction and modernization and for high quality, well-trained teachers.

#### **EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Student achievement will also be increased if we expand learning opportunities beyond our traditional-length school day and year. In many school districts, educators and parents want a longer school day, a longer school year, and/or all-day kindergarten to help students improve their academic performance or explore new learning opportunities. In addition, special programs such as before-and-after-school tutoring will help struggling students catch and keep up with their classmates. Extended learning opportunities will be increasingly important as attainment of a certificate of mastery becomes a high school graduation requirement.

#### **TEACHER QUALITY**

Key to every student's academic success is a quality teacher in every classroom. Washington state's new standards for student achievement make teacher quality more important than ever. We are asking our teachers to teach more demanding curriculum in new ways, and we are holding our educators and schools to new, higher levels of accountability for student performance. Resources are needed to give teachers the content knowledge and skills to teach to higher standards and to give school leaders the skills to improve instruction and manage organizational change.

The ability of school districts throughout the state to attract and retain the highest quality teaching corps by offering competitive salaries and effective working conditions is an essential element of basic education. The state legislature is responsible for establishing teacher salaries. It is imperative that the legislature fund salary levels that ensure school districts' ability to recruit and retain the highest quality teachers.

#### **EARLY ASSISTANCE**

The importance of a child's intellectual development in the first five years has been established by widespread scientific research. This is especially true for children with disabilities and special needs. Providing assistance appropriate to children's developmental needs will enhance the academic achievement of these children in grades K-12. Early assistance will also lessen the need for more expensive remedial efforts in later years.

#### **NO SUPPLANTING OF EXISTING EDUCATION FUNDS**

It is the intent of the people that existing state funding for education, including all sources of such funding, shall not be

reduced, supplanted, or otherwise adversely impacted by appropriations or expenditures from the \*student achievement fund created in RCW 43.135.045 or the education construction fund.

#### **INVESTING SURPLUS IN SCHOOLS UNTIL GOAL MET**

It is the intent of the people to invest a portion of state surplus revenues in their schools. This investment should continue until the state's contribution to funding public education achieves a reasonable goal. The goal should reflect the state's paramount duty to make ample provision for the education of all children and our citizens' desire that all students receive a quality education. The people set a goal of per-student state funding for the maintenance and operation of K-12 education being equal to at least ninety percent of the national average per-student expenditure from all sources. When this goal is met, further deposits to the \*student achievement fund shall be required only to the extent necessary to maintain the ninety-percent level." [2001 c 3 s 2 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000).]

**\*Reviser's note:** The "student achievement fund" created in RCW 43.135.045 was deleted pursuant to 2009 c 479 s 37.

**Construction—2001 c 3 (Initiative Measure No. 728):** "The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies and purposes of this act." [2001 c 3 s 11 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000).]

**Effective dates—2001 c 3 (Initiative Measure No. 728):** "This act takes effect January 1, 2001, except for section 4 of this act which takes effect July 1, 2001." [2001 c 3 s 13 (Initiative Measure No. 728, approved November 7, 2000).]

**Referendum—Other legislation limited—Legislators' personal intent not indicated—Reimbursements for election—Voters' pamphlet, election requirements—1997 c 220:** See RCW 36.102.800 through 36.102.803.

**Part headings not law—Effective date—1995 3rd sp.s. c 1:** See notes following RCW 82.14.0485.

**Effective date—Severability—1987 c 513:** See notes following RCW 18.85.285.

*State contribution for baseball stadium limited: RCW 82.14.0486.*

**RCW 67.70.241 Promotion of lottery by person or entity responsible for operating stadium and exhibition center—Commission approval—Cessation of obligation.** The person or entity responsible for operating a stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010 shall promote the lottery with any combination of in-kind advertising, sponsorship, or prize promotions, valued at one million dollars annually beginning January 1998 and increased by four percent each year thereafter for the purpose of increasing lottery sales of games authorized under RCW 67.70.043. The content and value of the advertising sponsorship or prize promotions are subject to reasonable



approval in advance by the lottery commission. The obligation of this section shall cease when the distributions under \*RCW 67.70.240(5) end, but not later than December 31, 2020. [1997 c 220 s 208 (Referendum Bill No. 48, approved June 17, 1997).]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 67.70.240 was amended by 2013 c 136 s 1, changing subsection (5) to subsection (1)(d).

**Referendum—Other legislation limited—Legislators' personal intent not indicated—Reimbursements for election—Voters' pamphlet, election requirements—1997 c 220:** See RCW 36.102.800 through 36.102.803.

**RCW 67.70.250 Methods for payment of prizes by installments.** If the director decides to pay any portion of or all of the prizes in the form of installments over a period of years, the director shall provide for the payment of all such installments for any specific lottery game by one, but not both, of the following methods:

(1) The director may enter into contracts with any financially responsible person or firm providing for the payment of such installments; or

(2) The director may establish and maintain a reserve account into which shall be placed sufficient moneys for the director to pay such installments as they become due. Such reserve account shall be maintained as a separate and independent fund outside the state treasury. [1987 c 511 s 11; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 25.]

**RCW 67.70.255 Debts owed to state agency or political subdivision—Debt information to lottery commission—Prize set off against debts.** (1) Any state agency or political subdivision that maintains records of debts owed to the state or political subdivision, or that the state is authorized to enforce or collect, may submit data processing tapes containing debt information to the lottery in a format specified by the lottery. State agencies or political subdivisions submitting debt information tapes shall provide updates on a regular basis at intervals not to exceed one month and shall be solely responsible for the accuracy of the information contained therein.

(2) The lottery shall include the debt information submitted by state agencies or political subdivisions in its validation and prize payment process. The lottery shall delay payment of a prize exceeding six hundred dollars for a period not to exceed two working days, to any person owing a debt to a state agency or political subdivision pursuant to the information submitted in subsection (1) of this section. The lottery shall contact the state agency or political subdivision that provided the information to verify the debt. The prize shall be paid to the claimant if the debt is not verified by the submitting state agency or political subdivision within two working days. If the debt is verified, the prize shall be disbursed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Prior to disbursement, any lottery prize exceeding six hundred dollars shall be set off against any debts owed by the prize winner to a state agency or political subdivision, or that the state is authorized to enforce or collect. [1986 c 83 s 2.]

**Policy—1986 c 83:** "The award of prizes by the state lottery is one of many functions of the state government. As such, the lottery prizes should be subject to debts owed to the state or that the state is authorized to enforce or collect. This policy expedites collections of obligations through interagency cooperation." [1986 c 83 s 1.]

**Effective date—1986 c 83:** "This act shall take effect September 1, 1986." [1986 c 83 s 3.]

**RCW 67.70.260 Lottery administrative account created.** There is hereby created the lottery administrative account in the state treasury. The account shall be managed, controlled, and maintained by the director. The legislature may appropriate from the account for the payment of costs incurred in the operation and administration of the lottery. The lottery administrative account may also be used to fund an independent forecast of the lottery revenues conducted by the economic and revenue forecast council. [2015 3rd sp.s. c 31 s 3; 2014 c 221 s 921; 2011 1st sp.s. c 50 s 962; 2002 c 371 s 919; 1985 c 375 s 6; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 26.]

**Effective date—2014 c 221:** See note following RCW 28A.710.260.

**Effective dates—2011 1st sp.s. c 50:** See note following RCW 15.76.115.

**Severability—Effective date—2002 c 371:** See notes following RCW 9.46.100.

**RCW 67.70.270 Members of commission—Compensation—Travel expenses.** Each member of the commission shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and shall be reimbursed for actual necessary traveling and other expenses in going to, attending, and returning from meetings of the commission and actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties as may be requested by a majority vote of the commission or by the director. [1984 c 287 s 101; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 27.]

**Legislative findings—Severability—Effective date—1984 c 287:** See notes following RCW 43.03.220.

**RCW 67.70.280 Application of administrative procedure act.** The provisions of the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW, shall apply to administrative actions taken by the commission or the director pursuant to this chapter. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 28.]

**RCW 67.70.290 Postaudits by state auditor.** The state auditor shall conduct an annual postaudit of all accounts and transactions of the lottery and such other special postaudits as he or she may be directed to conduct pursuant to chapter 43.09 RCW. [2012 c 117 s 310; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 29.]

**RCW 67.70.300 Investigations by attorney general authorized.**

The attorney general may investigate violations of this chapter, and of the criminal laws within this state, by the commission, the director, or the director's employees, licensees, or agents, in the manner prescribed for criminal investigations in RCW 43.10.090. [1987 c 511 s 13; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 30.]

**RCW 67.70.310 Management review by director of financial management.** The director of financial management may conduct a management review of the commission's lottery operations to assure that:

(1) The manner and time of payment of prizes to the holder of winning tickets or shares is consistent with this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter;

(2) The apportionment of total revenues accruing from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources is consistent with this chapter;

(3) The manner and type of lottery being conducted, and the expenses incidental thereto, are the most efficient and cost-effective; and

(4) The commission is not unnecessarily incurring operating and administrative costs.

In conducting a management review, the director of financial management may inspect the books, documents, and records of the commission. Upon completion of a management review, all irregularities shall be reported to the attorney general, the joint legislative audit and review committee, and the state auditor. The director of financial management shall make such recommendations as may be necessary for the most efficient and cost-effective operation of the lottery. [1996 c 288 s 50; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 31.]

**RCW 67.70.320 Verification by certified public accountant.** The director of financial management shall select a certified public accountant to verify that:

(1) The manner of selecting the winning tickets or shares is consistent with this chapter; and

(2) The manner and time of payment of prizes to the holder of winning tickets or shares is consistent with this chapter. The cost of these services shall be paid from moneys placed within the lottery administrative account created in RCW 67.70.260. [1987 c 511 s 14; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 32.]

**RCW 67.70.330 Enforcement powers of director—Office of the director designated law enforcement agency.** The director shall have the power to enforce this chapter and the penal laws of this state relating to the conduct of or participation in lottery activities and the manufacturing, importation, transportation, distribution, possession, and sale of equipment or paraphernalia used or for use in connection therewith. The director, the deputy director, assistant directors, and each of the director's investigators, enforcement officers, and inspectors shall have the power to enforce this chapter and the penal laws of this state relating to the conduct of or participation in lottery activities and the manufacturing,

importation, transportation, distribution, possession, and sale of equipment or paraphernalia used or for use in connection therewith. They shall have the power and authority to apply for and execute all warrants and serve process of law issued by the courts in enforcing the penal provisions of this chapter and the penal laws of this state relating to the conduct of or participation in lottery activities and the manufacturing, importation, transportation, distribution, possession, and sale of equipment or paraphernalia used or for use in connection therewith. They shall have the power to arrest without a warrant, any person or persons found in the act of violating any of the penal provisions of this chapter and the penal laws of this state relating to the conduct of or participation in lottery activities and the manufacturing, importation, transportation, distribution, possession, and sale of equipment or paraphernalia used or for use in connection therewith. To the extent set forth in this section, the office of the director shall be a law enforcement agency of this state with the power to investigate for violations of and to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to obtain information from and provide information to all other law enforcement agencies. [1987 c 511 s 15; 1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 33.]

**RCW 67.70.340 Transfer of shared game lottery proceeds.** (1) The legislature recognizes that creating a shared game lottery could result in less revenue being raised by the existing state lottery ticket sales. The legislature further recognizes that the fund most impacted by this potential event is the Washington opportunity pathways account. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to use some of the proceeds from the shared game lottery to make up the difference that the potential state lottery revenue loss would have on the Washington opportunity pathways account. The legislature further intends to use some of the proceeds from the shared game lottery to fund programs and services related to problem gambling and gambling disorder.

(2) The Washington opportunity pathways account is expected to receive \$102,000,000 annually from state lottery games other than the shared game lottery. For fiscal year 2011 and thereafter, if the amount of lottery revenues earmarked for the Washington opportunity pathways account is less than \$102,000,000, the commission, after making the transfer required under subsection (3) of this section, must transfer sufficient moneys from revenues derived from the shared game lottery into the Washington opportunity pathways account to bring the total revenue up to \$102,000,000.

(3) (a) The commission shall transfer, from revenue derived from the shared game lottery, to the problem gambling account created in RCW 41.05.751, an amount equal to the percentage specified in (b) of this subsection of net receipts. For purposes of this subsection, "net receipts" means the difference between (i) revenue received from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and revenue received from the sale of shared game lottery tickets or shares; and (ii) the sum of payments made to winners.

(b) In fiscal year 2024, the percentage to be transferred to the problem gambling account is 0.20 percent. In fiscal year 2025 and subsequent fiscal years, the percentage to be transferred to the problem gambling account is 0.26 percent.

(4) The commission shall transfer the remaining net revenues, if any, derived from the shared game lottery "Powerball" authorized in

RCW 67.70.044(1) after the transfers pursuant to this section into the state general fund for support for the program of basic education under RCW 28A.150.200.

(5) The remaining net revenues, if any, in the shared game lottery account after the transfers pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Washington opportunity pathways account. [2023 c 284 s 3; 2012 1st sp.s. c 10 s 6; 2010 1st sp.s. c 27 s 4. Prior: 2009 c 576 s 2; 2009 c 479 s 45; 2005 c 369 s 4; 2002 c 349 s 3.]

**Findings—Intent—Effective date—2023 c 284:** See notes following RCW 41.05.750.

**Purpose—Construction—2012 1st sp.s. c 10:** See note following RCW 84.52.0531.

**Findings—Intent—2010 1st sp.s. c 27:** See note following RCW 28B.76.526.

**Effective date—2009 c 479:** See note following RCW 2.56.030.

**Findings—Intent—Severability—Effective date—2005 c 369:** See notes following RCW 41.05.750.

**RCW 67.70.360 Marketing lottery as contributor to opportunity pathways—Strategy and implementation.** In consultation with independent experts and in collaboration with the \*higher education coordinating board, the state lottery commission shall upon July 13, 2010, develop and begin implementation of a strategy and plan for actively marketing the state lottery as an essential contributor to Washington's opportunity pathways. The commission shall report to the economic development, higher education, and commerce committees of the legislature on the key messages, components, performance objectives, and anticipated revenue impacts of the strategy by September 1, 2010, and by December 1, 2010. [2010 1st sp.s. c 27 s 6.]

**\*Reviser's note:** The higher education coordinating board was abolished by 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 301, effective July 1, 2012.

**Findings—Intent—2010 1st sp.s. c 27:** See note following RCW 28B.76.526.

**RCW 67.70.902 Construction—1982 2nd ex.s. c 7.** This act shall be liberally construed to carry out the purposes and policies of the act. [1982 2nd ex.s. c 7 s 35.]

**RCW 67.70.905 Effective date—1985 c 375.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect March 1, 1985. [1985 c 375 s 10.]

**Reviser's note:** 1985 c 375 was signed by the governor May 20, 1985.

**RCW 67.70.906 Construction—Chapter applicable to state registered domestic partnerships—2009 c 521.** For the purposes of this chapter, the terms spouse, marriage, marital, husband, wife, widow, widower, next of kin, and family shall be interpreted as applying equally to state registered domestic partnerships or individuals in state registered domestic partnerships as well as to marital relationships and married persons, and references to dissolution of marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships that have been terminated, dissolved, or invalidated, to the extent that such interpretation does not conflict with federal law. Where necessary to implement chapter 521, Laws of 2009, gender-specific terms such as husband and wife used in any statute, rule, or other law shall be construed to be gender neutral, and applicable to individuals in state registered domestic partnerships. [2009 c 521 s 147.]