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1 AN ACT Relating to maintaining the Washington state patrol crime
2 laboratory system; amending RCW 43.43.670; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.670 and 1980 c 69 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 There is created in the Washington state patrol a crime laboratory
7 system which is authorized to:

8 (1) Provide laboratory services for the purpose of analyzing and
9 scientifically handling any physical evidence relating to any crime.

10 (2) Provide training assistance for local law enforcement
11 personnel.

12 The crime laboratory system shall assign priority to a request for
13 services with due regard to whether the case involves criminal activity
14 against persons. The Washington state advisory council on criminal
15 justice services shall assist the crime laboratory system in devising

1 policies to promote the most efficient use of laboratory resources
2 consistent with this section.

3 The Washington state patrol shall maintain crime laboratories in at
4 least the same locations as it did as of December 31, 1990, and shall
5 provide services at each of those locations at at least the same level
6 as it did as of December 31, 1990.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
10 effect immediately.