

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1672

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EYE CARE FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

R. LORRAINE WOJAHN
President of the Senate

Approved April 21, 1993

MIKE LOWRY
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1672** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

ALAN THOMPSON
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Wineberry, J. Kohl, Wood, Anderson, Sheldon, Veloria, Scott, Jones, Ludwig, Brough and Foreman)

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1 AN ACT Relating to public health; adding new sections to chapter
2 43.20A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many homeless
5 people in the state of Washington have impaired eyesight that reduces
6 their chances of obtaining employment or training for employment. The
7 legislature finds that it is in the public interest to facilitate
8 ophthalmologists, optometrists, and opticians in providing free vision
9 services to homeless people of the state.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The secretary of the department of social
11 and health services shall coordinate the efforts of nonprofit agencies
12 working with the homeless, the Washington academy of eye physicians and
13 surgeons, the Washington optometric association, and the opticians
14 association of Washington to deliver vision services to the homeless
15 free of charge. The secretary shall enter into agreements identifying
16 cooperating agencies and the circumstances under which specified
17 services will be delivered.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** To the extent consistent with the
2 department's budget, the secretary shall pay for the eyeglasses
3 hardware prescribed and dispensed pursuant to the program set up in
4 sections 2 through 6 of this act. The secretary shall also attempt to
5 obtain private sector funding for this program.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Ophthalmologists, optometrists, and
7 dispensing opticians may utilize used eyeglass frames obtained through
8 donations to this program.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** An ophthalmologist, optometrist, or
10 dispensing optician who provides:

- 11 (1) Free vision services; or
12 (2) Eyeglasses, or any part thereof, including used frames, at or
13 below retail cost to homeless people in the state of Washington
14 and who is not reimbursed for such services or eyeglasses as allowed
15 for in section 6 of this act, is not liable for civil damages for
16 injury to a homeless person resulting from any act or omission in
17 providing such services or eyeglasses, other than an act or omission
18 constituting gross negligence or intentional conduct.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Nothing in sections 2 through 6 of this act
20 shall prevent ophthalmologists, optometrists, or dispensing opticians
21 from collecting for either their goods or services, or both from third-
22 party payers covering the goods or services for homeless persons.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The program created in sections 2 through 6
24 of this act shall be known as the eye care for the homeless program in
25 Washington.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 2 through 7 of this act are each
27 added to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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