

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1249

Chapter 51, Laws of 1997

(partial veto)

55th Legislature
1997 Regular Session

ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS THROUGH STATE
AGENCIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/97

Passed by the House March 11, 1997
Yeas 94 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 7, 1997
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved April 16, 1997, with the
exception of section 7 which is vetoed.

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1249** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

FILED

April 16, 1997 - 6:41 p.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunn, Costa, Sheahan, Sterk, Lantz, Kenney, Lambert, Skinner, Gardner, D. Schmidt, D. Sommers, Ogden, O'Brien, Dunshee, B. Thomas, Wensman, Mason and Kessler; by request of Secretary of State)

Read first time 01/31/97.

1 AN ACT Relating to state agencies issuing federal employer
2 identification numbers; adding a new section to chapter 19.02 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.07 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 43.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 50.12 RCW; adding a
5 new section to chapter 82.02 RCW; creating a new section; providing an
6 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to simplify the
9 process of registering and licensing businesses in this state by
10 authorizing state agencies to provide consolidated forms, instructions,
11 service locations, and other operations whenever coordination of these
12 functions would benefit individual businesses and the business
13 community of this state. To further this goal, agencies participating
14 in the master business license program should be able to contract with
15 the federal internal revenue service, or other appropriate federal
16 agency, to issue a conditional federal employer identification number,
17 or other federal credentials or documents, at the same time that a
18 business applies for registration or licensing with any state agency.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.02 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The director may contract with the federal internal revenue
4 service, or other appropriate federal agency, to issue conditional
5 federal employer identification numbers, or other federal credentials
6 or documents, at specified offices and locations of the agency in
7 conjunction with any application for state licenses under this chapter.

8 (2) To the extent permitted by any contract entered under
9 subsection (1) of this section, the department may contract, under
10 chapter 39.34 RCW, with any agency of state or local government which
11 is participating in the master licensing program to issue conditional
12 federal employer identification numbers, or other federal credentials
13 or documents, in conjunction with applications for state licenses under
14 this chapter.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.07 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The secretary of state may contract with the federal internal
18 revenue service, or other appropriate federal agency, to issue
19 conditional federal employer identification numbers, or other federal
20 credentials or documents, at specified offices and locations of the
21 agency in conjunction with any application for state licenses under
22 chapter 19.02 RCW.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.22 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 The director may contract with the federal internal revenue
26 service, or other appropriate federal agency, to issue conditional
27 federal employer identification numbers, or other federal credentials
28 or documents, at specified offices and locations of the agency in
29 conjunction with any application for state licenses under chapter 19.02
30 RCW.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 50.12 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 The commissioner may contract with the federal internal revenue
34 service, or other appropriate federal agency, to issue conditional
35 federal employer identification numbers, or other federal credentials
36 or documents, at specified offices and locations of the agency in

1 conjunction with any application for state licenses under chapter 19.02
2 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 82.02 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The director may contract with the federal internal revenue
6 service, or other appropriate federal agency, to issue conditional
7 federal employer identification numbers, or other federal credentials
8 or documents, at specified offices and locations of the agency in
9 conjunction with any application for state licenses under chapter 19.02
10 RCW.

11 ****NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate***
12 ***preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the***
13 ***state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect***
14 ***July 1, 1997.***

15 ****Sec. 7 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.***

Passed the House March 11, 1997.

Passed the Senate April 7, 1997.

Approved by the Governor April 16, 1997, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 16, 1997.

1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 7,
3 Substitute House Bill No. 1249 entitled:

4 "AN ACT Relating to state agencies issuing federal employer
5 identification numbers;"

6 Substitute House Bill No. 1249 simplifies the licensing and
7 registration process for businesses operating in the state. It allows
8 the state to contract with the Internal Revenue Service and other
9 federal agencies, so that businesses will be able to obtain their
10 federal employer identification numbers ("FEIN") and other federal
11 credentials through the state in one step, as part of the state
12 licensing process, rather than applying separately to the state and
13 each federal agency.

14 The new process will reduce paperwork for new businesses and will
15 make FEINs immediately available, allowing new businesses to get
16 started earlier. Our Business License Center has been operating well
17 and I support taking the next step to increase efficiency and add
18 convenience for businesses as they seek a master license to operate in
19 our state.

20 This legislation includes an emergency clause in section 7 that
21 would establish July 1, 1997 as the effective date of the bill. This
22 legislation is not necessary for the immediate preservation of the

1 public peace, health or safety, or support of the state government and
2 its existing public institutions.

3 For this reason, I have vetoed section 7 of Substitute House Bill
4 No. 1249. With the exception of section 7, Substitute House Bill No.
5 1249 is approved."