SENATE BILL 6354

By Senators Mulliken and Keiser; by request of Department of Licensing Read first time 01/19/2004. Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the department of licensing; amending RCW 2 43.135.055, 18.96.050, 19.105.380, and 64.36.225; reenacting and
- 3 amending RCW 43.84.092; adding a new section to chapter 43.24 RCW; and
- 4 providing an effective date.

State of Washington

- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.24 RCW to read as follows:
- 8 (1) The business and professions account is created in the state 9 treasury. All receipts from business or professional licenses, 10 registrations, certifications, renewals, examinations, or civil 11 penalties assessed and collected by the department from the following 12 chapters must be deposited into the account:
- 13 (a) Chapter 18.11 RCW, auctioneers;
- 14 (b) Chapter 18.16 RCW, cosmetologists, barbers, and manicurists;
- 15 (c) Chapter 18.96 RCW, landscape architects;
- 16 (d) Chapter 18.145 RCW, court reporters;
- 17 (e) Chapter 18.165 RCW, private investigators;
- 18 (f) Chapter 18.170 RCW, security guards;
- 19 (g) Chapter 18.185 RCW, bail bond agents;

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- 1 (h) Chapter 19.16 RCW, collection agencies;
- 2 (i) Chapter 19.31 RCW, employment agencies;
- 3 (j) Chapter 19.105 RCW, camping resorts;
- 4 (k) Chapter 19.138 RCW, sellers of travel;
 - (1) Chapter 42.44 RCW, notaries public; and
- 6 (m) Chapter 64.36 RCW, timeshares.

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Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
Expenditures from the account may be used only for expenses incurred in
carrying out these business and professions licensing activities of the
department. Any residue in the account shall be accumulated and shall

11 not revert to the general fund at the end of the biennium.

12 (2) The director shall biennially prepare a budget request based on 13 the anticipated costs of administering the business and professions 14 licensing activities listed in subsection (1) of this section, which 15 shall include the estimated income from these business and professions 16 fees.

- 17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.135.055 and 2001 c 314 s 19 are each amended to 18 read as follows:
 - (1) No fee may increase in any fiscal year by a percentage in excess of the fiscal growth factor for that fiscal year without prior legislative approval.
- 22 (2) This section does not apply to:
 - (a) An assessment made by an agricultural commodity commission or board created by state statute or created under a marketing agreement or order under chapter 15.65 or 15.66 RCW, or to the forest products commission, if the assessment is approved by referendum in accordance with the provisions of the statutes creating the commission or board or chapter 15.65 or 15.66 RCW for approving such assessments; or
- 29 <u>(b) Fees paid to the business and professions account created in</u> 30 <u>section 1 of this act and subject to the provisions of RCW 43.24.086.</u>
- 31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2003 c 361 s 602, 2003 c 324 s 1, 2003 c 150 s 2, and 2003 c 48 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 34 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state 35 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which 36 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

(2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require appropriation. office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash management improvement act. The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

- (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
- (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:
- (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's average daily balance for the period: The business and professions account, the capitol building construction account, the Cedar River channel construction and operation account, the Central Washington University capital projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the common school construction fund, the county criminal justice assistance account, the county sales and use tax equalization account, the data processing building construction account, the deferred compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department of

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retirement systems expense account, the drinking water assistance 1 2 account, the drinking water assistance administrative account, the drinking water assistance repayment account, the Eastern Washington 3 University capital projects account, the education construction fund, 4 5 the election account, the emergency reserve fund, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the federal forest revolving account, 6 7 the health services account, the public health services account, the health system capacity account, the personal health services account, 8 9 the state higher education construction account, the higher education 10 construction account, the highway infrastructure account, industrial insurance premium refund account, the judges' retirement 11 12 account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial 13 retirement principal account, the local leasehold excise tax account, 14 the local real estate excise tax account, the local sales and use tax account, the medical aid account, the mobile home park relocation fund, 15 the multimodal transportation account, the municipal criminal justice 16 17 assistance account, the municipal sales and use tax equalization account, the natural resources deposit account, the oyster reserve land 18 account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the public 19 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees' 20 21 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public 22 facilities construction loan revolving account beginning July 1, 2004, the public health supplemental account, the public works assistance 23 24 account, the Puyallup tribal settlement account, the transportation investment district account, the resource management 25 cost account, the site closure account, the special wildlife account, 26 27 the state employees' insurance account, the state employees' insurance reserve account, the state investment board expense account, the state 28 29 investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' 30 31 retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system 32 combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control settlement account, 33 account, the tobacco the transportation infrastructure account, the tuition recovery trust fund, the University 34 of Washington bond retirement fund, the University of Washington 35 building account, the volunteer fire fighters' and reserve officers' 36 37 relief and pension principal fund, the volunteer fire fighters' and reserve officers' administrative fund, the Washington fruit express 38

account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the 1 2 Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' system plan 1 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire 3 fighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school 4 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the 5 Washington state health insurance pool account, the Washington state 6 7 patrol retirement account, the Washington State University building account, the Washington State University bond retirement fund, the 8 water pollution control revolving fund, and the Western Washington 9 10 University capital projects account. Earnings derived from investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal school 11 permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the scientific 12 13 permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund shall be 14 allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts. All earnings to be distributed under this subsection (4)(a) shall first be reduced by the 15 allocation to the state treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW 16 17 43.08.190.

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- (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, aircraft search and rescue account, the county arterial preservation account, the department of licensing services account, the essential rail assistance account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the grade crossing protective fund, the high capacity transportation account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway safety account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the pilotage account, the public transportation systems account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations account, the recreational vehicle account, the rural arterial trust account, the safety and education account, the special category C account, the state patrol highway account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the transportation fund, the transportation improvement account, the transportation improvement board bond retirement account, and the urban arterial trust account.
- 36 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state 37 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings 38 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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Sec. 4. RCW 18.96.050 and 1984 c 287 s 52 are each amended to read as follows:

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The members of the first board shall serve for the following terms:

One member for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years, one member for four years, and one member for five years from the date of appointment or until successors are duly appointed and qualified. Every member of the board shall receive a certificate of his or her appointment from the governor, and before beginning his or her term of office shall file with the secretary of state his or her written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of his or her official duties. On the expiration of the term of each member, the governor shall appoint a successor to serve for a term of five years, or until his or her successor has been appointed and qualified: PROVIDED, That no member shall serve more than ten consecutive years.

The governor may remove any member of the board for cause. 15 16 Vacancies in the board for any reason shall be filled by appointment 17 for the unexpired term. In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the members of the board shall be compensated in accordance 18 with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses 19 according to the provisions of RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, such funds 20 21 to be provided from the ((landscape architects' account in the state 22 general fund)) business and professions account created in section 1 of 23 this act.

- 24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.105.380 and 2002 c 86 s 273 are each amended to 25 read as follows:
- 26 (1) In addition to the unprofessional conduct in RCW 18.235.130, 27 the director may take disciplinary action for the following conduct, 28 acts, or conditions:
- 29 (a) The applicant, registrant, or affiliate has failed to file 30 copies of the camping resort contract form under RCW 19.105.360;
 - (b) The applicant, registrant, or affiliate has failed to comply with any provision of this chapter;
 - (c) The applicant's, registrant's, or affiliate's offering of camping resort contracts has worked or would work a fraud upon purchasers or owners of camping resort contracts;
- 36 (d) The camping resort operator or any officer, director, or affiliate of the camping resort operator has been enjoined from or had

any civil penalty assessed for a finding of dishonest dealing or fraud in a civil suit, or been found to have engaged in any violation of any act designed to protect consumers, or has been engaged in dishonest practices in any industry involving sales to consumers;

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- (e) The applicant or registrant has represented or is representing to purchasers in connection with the offer or sale of a camping resort contract that a camping resort property, facility, amenity camp site, or other development is planned, promised, or required, and the applicant or registrant has not provided the director with a security or assurance of performance as required by this chapter;
- (f) The applicant or registrant has not provided or is no longer providing the director with the necessary security arrangements to ensure future availability of titles or properties as required by this chapter or agreed to in the permit to market;
- (g) The applicant or registrant is or has been employing unregistered salespersons or offering or proposing a membership referral program not in compliance with this chapter;
- (h) The applicant or registrant has breached any escrow, impound, reserve account, or trust arrangement or the conditions of an order or permit to market required by this chapter;
- (i) The applicant or registrant has filed or caused to be filed with the director any document or affidavit, or made any statement during the course of a registration or exemption procedure with the director, that is materially untrue or misleading;
- (j) The applicant or registrant has engaged in a practice of failing to provide the written disclosures to purchasers or prospective purchasers as required under this chapter;
- (k) The applicant, registrant, or any of its officers, directors, or employees, if the operator is other than a natural person, have willfully done, or permitted any of their salespersons or agents to do, any of the following:
- (i) Engage in a pattern or practice of making untrue or misleading statements of a material fact, or omitting to state a material fact;
- (ii) Employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud purchasers or members;
- 36 (iii) Engage in a pattern or practice of failing to provide the 37 written disclosures to purchasers or prospective purchasers as required 38 under this chapter;

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(1) The applicant or registrant has failed to provide a bond, letter of credit, or other arrangement to ensure delivery of promised gifts, prizes, awards, or other items of consideration, as required under this chapter, breached such a security arrangement, or failed to maintain such a security arrangement in effect because of a resignation or loss of a trustee, impound, or escrow agent;

- (m) The applicant or registrant has engaged in a practice of selling contracts using material amendments or codicils that have not been filed or are the consequences of breaches or alterations in previously filed contracts;
- (n) The applicant or registrant has engaged in a practice of selling or proposing to sell contracts in a ratio of contracts to sites available in excess of that filed in the affidavit required by this chapter;
- (o) The camping resort operator has withdrawn, has the right to withdraw, or is proposing to withdraw from use all or any portion of any camping resort property devoted to the camping resort program, unless:
- (i) Adequate provision has been made to provide within a reasonable time thereafter a substitute property in the same general area that is at least as desirable for the purpose of camping and outdoor recreation;
- (ii) The property is withdrawn because, despite good faith efforts by the camping resort operator, a nonaffiliate of the camping resort has exercised a right of withdrawal from use by the camping resort (such as withdrawal following expiration of a lease of the property to the camping resort) and the terms of the withdrawal right have been disclosed in writing to all purchasers at or prior to the time of any sales of camping resort contracts after the camping resort has represented to purchasers that the property is or will be available for camping or recreation purposes;
- (iii) The specific date upon which the withdrawal becomes effective has been disclosed in writing to all purchasers and members prior to the time of any sales of camping resort contracts after the camping resort has represented to purchasers that the property is or will be available for camping or recreation purposes;
- 37 (iv) The rights of members and owners of the camping resort 38 contracts under the express terms of the camping resort contract have

expired, or have been specifically limited, upon the lapse of a stated or determinable period of time, and the director by order has found that the withdrawal is not otherwise inconsistent with the protection of purchasers or the desire of the majority of the owners of camping resort contracts, as expressed in their previously obtained vote of approval;

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- (p) The format, form, or content of the written disclosures provided therein is not complete, full, or materially accurate, or statements made therein are materially false, misleading, or deceptive;
- (q) The applicant or registrant has failed to file an amendment for a material change in the manner or at the time required under this chapter or its implementing rules;
- (r) The applicant or registrant has filed voluntarily or been placed involuntarily into a federal bankruptcy or is proposing to do so; or
- (s) A camping resort operator's rights or interest in a campground has been terminated by foreclosure or the operations in a camping resort have been terminated in a manner contrary to contract provisions.
- (2) An operator, registrant, or applicant against whom administrative or legal proceedings have been filed shall be responsible for and shall reimburse the state, by payment into the ((general fund)) business and professions account created in section 1 of this act, for all administrative and legal costs actually incurred by the department in issuing, processing, and conducting any such administrative or legal proceeding authorized under this chapter that results in a final legal or administrative determination of any type or degree in favor of the department.
- (3) The director may enter into assurances of discontinuance in lieu of issuing a statement of charges or a cease and desist order or conducting a hearing under this chapter. The assurances shall consist of a statement of the law in question and an agreement not to violate the stated provision. The applicant or registrant shall not be required to admit to any violation of the law, nor shall the assurance be construed as such an admission. Violating or breaching an assurance under this subsection is grounds for suspension or revocation of registration or imposition of a fine.

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(4) The director shall 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 shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the licensee is in compliance with the order.

- **Sec. 6.** RCW 64.36.225 and 1987 c 370 s 8 are each amended to read 11 as follows:
 - A registrant or applicant against whom an administrative or legal proceeding authorized under this chapter has been filed, shall be liable for and reimburse to the state of Washington by payment into the ((general fund)) business and professions account created in section 1 of this act, all administrative and legal costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the department in issuing and conducting administrative or legal proceedings that result in a final legal or administrative determination of any type or degree, in favor of the department or the state of Washington.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect July 1, 2005.

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