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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE--REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 9, 2003.

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1635** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

Chief Clerk

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By Representatives Pettigrew, Boldt, Kagi, Edwards and Kenney; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

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 1   AN ACT Relating to income and resources reporting requirements
 2 under the public assistance program; and amending RCW 74.04.300.

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

 4   **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.04.300 and 1998 c 79 s 7 are each amended to read
 5 as follows:
 6   If a recipient receives public assistance and/or food stamps or
 7 food stamp benefits transferred electronically for which the recipient
 8 is not eligible, or receives public assistance and/or food stamps or
 9 food stamp benefits transferred electronically in an amount greater
10 than that for which the recipient is eligible, the portion of the
11 payment to which the recipient is not entitled shall be a debt due the
12 state recoverable under RCW 43.20B.030 and 43.20B.620 through
13 43.20B.645. It shall be the duty of recipients of ((public assistance
14 and/or food stamps or food stamp)) cash benefits ((transferred
15 electronically)) to notify the department ((within twenty days of the
16 receipt or possession of all income or resources not previously
17 declared to the department)) of changes to earned income as defined in
18 RCW 74.04.005(11). It shall be the duty of recipients of cash benefits
19 to notify the department of changes to liquid resources as defined in

1 RCW 74.04.005(10) that would result in ineligibility for cash benefits.
2 It shall be the duty of recipients of food benefits to report changes
3 in income that result in ineligibility for food benefits. All
4 recipients shall report changes required in this section by the tenth
5 of the month following the month in which the change occurs. The
6 department shall make a determination of eligibility within ten days
7 from the date it receives the reported change from the recipient. The
8 department shall adopt rules consistent with federal law and
9 regulations for additional reporting requirements. The department
10 shall advise applicants for assistance that failure to report as
11 required, failure to reveal resources or income, and false statements
12 will result in recovery by the state of any overpayment and may result
13 in criminal prosecution.

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