

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1652**

Chapter 281, Laws of 2005

(partial veto)

59th Legislature  
2005 Regular Session

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS--HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/05

Passed by the House April 20, 2005  
Yeas 95 Nays 2

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 13, 2005  
Yeas 40 Nays 7

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 4, 2005, with the  
exception of Section 2, which is vetoed.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1652** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 4, 2005 - 3:45 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2005 Regular Session

**State of Washington                      59th Legislature                      2005 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericks, Appleton, Simpson, Kilmer, Eickmeyer, Woods, Lovick, Santos and Linville)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/05.

1            AN ACT Relating to authorizing fire protection districts to  
2 establish or participate in health clinic services; amending RCW  
3 52.02.020; and creating a new section.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.02.020 and 2003 c 309 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) Fire protection districts for the provision of fire prevention  
8 services, fire suppression services, emergency medical services, and  
9 for the protection of life and property in areas outside of cities and  
10 towns, except where the cities and towns have been annexed into a fire  
11 protection district or where the district is continuing service  
12 pursuant to RCW 35.02.202, are authorized to be established as provided  
13 in this title.

14            (2) In addition to other services authorized under this section,  
15 fire protection districts that share a common border with Canada and  
16 are surrounded on three sides by water or are bounded on the north by  
17 Bremerton, on the west by Mason county, on the south by Pierce county,  
18 and on the east by the Puget Sound, may also establish or participate  
19 in the provision of health clinic services.

1        **\*NEW SECTION.**    *Sec. 2. The department of health shall conduct a*  
2 *study to evaluate the merits of allowing fire protection districts to*  
3 *establish or participate in the provision of health clinic services.*

4        *(1) The study shall consider any relevant matters, including but*  
5 *not limited to: The scope of the services which might be provided, the*  
6 *interest among Washington's fire protection districts in providing*  
7 *these services, the need for having them do so, the impact on overall*  
8 *health expenditures of allowing health services to be provided this*  
9 *way, potential government liability, and patient health and safety*  
10 *issues.*

11        *(2) The secretary of health shall appoint an advisory group of*  
12 *affected parties, including local physicians and other health care*  
13 *providers, to assist in the study.*

14        *(3) The department shall report the results of the study and any*  
15 *recommendations to the legislature by September 1, 2006. At a minimum,*  
16 *the recommendations shall include: (a) The criteria and process which*  
17 *should be used to evaluate requests by fire protection districts to*  
18 *establish or participate in the provision of health clinic services;*  
19 *and (b) any other statutory or administrative changes needed to address*  
20 *the concerns identified.*

*\*Sec. 2 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

Passed by the House April 20, 2005.

Passed by the Senate April 13, 2005.

Approved by the Governor May 4, 2005, with the exception of  
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 4, 2005.

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

"I am returning, without my approval as to Section 2, Substitute  
House Bill No. 1652 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to authorizing fire protection districts to  
establish or participate in health clinic services."

This bill authorizes one additional fire protection district to  
operate a health clinic in Kitsap County. Section 2 of the bill  
directs the Department of Health to conduct a study to evaluate the  
merits of allowing fire protection districts to establish or  
participate in the provision of health care services. The study must  
consider the scope of services that might be provided, the interest  
among Washington's fire districts in providing these services, the  
need for having them do so, and the impact on health expenditures and  
potential government liability. Section 2 also includes the  
appointment of an advisory group to assist in the study and a final  
report by September 1, 2006. The Legislature did not, however,  
appropriate funds for the study.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 2 of Substitute House Bill  
No. 1652.

With the exception of Section 2, Substitute House Bill No. 1652 is approved."