

CHAPTER 211.

[S. B. 525.]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
TO THE AGED.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; adding new sections to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.09 RCW; repealing section 74.08.295, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.08.295; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.09 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

There is hereby created a new category of federal aid assistance to be known as medical assistance to the aged to be administered by the state department of public assistance. Medical assistance to the aged. Created—Administration.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.09 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Medical assistance to the aged shall be awarded to any applicant: —Qualifications for.

- (1) Who is in need;
- (2) Who has not made a voluntary assignment of property or cash for the purpose of qualifying for an assistance grant;
- (3) Who is not an inmate of a public institution except as a patient in a medical institution and who is not a patient in an institution for mental disease or tuberculosis;
- (4) Who is sixty-five years of age or over;
- (5) Who is a resident of the state of Washington; and
- (6) Who is not a recipient of old age assistance.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.09 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Medical as-
sistance to the
aged. Includes.

For the purposes of this 1963 amendatory act, the term "medical assistance to the aged" may include the payment of any part or all of the cost of the following care and services for individuals sixty-five years of age or older who are not recipients of old age assistance but whose income and resources are insufficient to meet all of such cost:

- (1) Inpatient hospital services;
- (2) Skilled nursing home services;
- (3) Physicians' services;
- (4) Outpatient hospital or clinic services;
- (5) Home health care services;
- (6) Private duty nursing services;
- (7) Physical therapy and related services;
- (8) Dental services;
- (9) Laboratory and x-ray services;
- (10) Prescribed drugs, eyeglasses, dentures, and prosthetic devices;
- (11) Diagnostic, screening, and preventive services;
- (12) Any other medical care or remedial care recognized under state law; except that such term does not include any such payments with respect to:
 - (a) Care or services for any individual who is an inmate of a public institutions (except as a patient in a medical institution) or any individual who is a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases; or
 - (b) Care or services for any individual, who is a patient in a medical institution as a result of a diagnosis of tuberculosis or psychosis, with respect to any period after the individual has been a patient in such an institution, as a result of such diagnosis, beyond the period prescribed by the regulations of the director of the department of public assistance.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.09 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Nursing home services shall be provided for persons who are eligible for or receiving federal aid assistance, and who are otherwise eligible for medical assistance to the aged, pursuant to the provisions of this 1963 amendatory act exclusively: *Provided*, That the director may provide nursing home services for recipients of federal aid assistance other than medical assistance to the aged for a period of not to exceed thirty days. —Nursing home services included.
Proviso.

SEC. 5. There is added to chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 74.09 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

The determination of eligibility of recipients for medical assistance to the aged shall be the responsibility of the department of public assistance. The department shall establish reasonable standards of assistance which shall be consistent with the provisions of the Social Security Act and with the regulations of the secretary of health, education and welfare for determining eligibility of individuals for medical assistance and the extent of such assistance to the extent that funds are available from the state and federal government: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of Title 74, the department may provide funds to meet the additional needs of recipients of medical assistance to the aged from any other category of public assistance for which such recipient may be eligible excluding old age assistance. —Eligibility determination.
Proviso.

SEC. 6. Section 74.08.295, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.08.295 are each hereby repealed. Repeal.

Note: See also section 31, chapter 228, Laws of 1963.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, Emergency.

the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1963.

Passed the House March 12, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1963.

CHAPTER 212.

[S. B. 544.]

PUBLIC LANDS—SHORE, BEACH AND TIDE LANDS.

AN ACT relating to shore, beach and tide lands; and adding new sections to chapter 79.16 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 79.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Declaration of public recreation area.

That portion of the public highway as established by chapter 54, Laws of 1935, chapter 105, Laws of 1901, and chapter 110, Laws of 1901, lying between the line of vegetation and the line of mean high tide, as such lines now are or may hereafter be, is hereby declared a public recreation area and is hereby set aside and forever reserved for the use of the public.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 79.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Acquisition of property authorized.

The department of natural resources may acquire by purchase, gift, exchange, or condemnation any lands, property, or interest therein from any political subdivision of the state, municipal corporation, the federal government or person for the purpose of expanding, improving, or facilitating the use of lands herein reserved for such public highway and recreation purposes.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1963.

Passed the House March 12, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1963.