

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5652

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5652** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Gaspard, McDonald, Smith, Quigley, Wojahn, Hargrove, Heavey, Winsley, Sheldon, Fraser, Loveland, Fairley, Oke, McAuliffe, Spanel, Kohl, Franklin, Drew, Haugen, Owen, Bauer, Snyder, Deccio and Rasmussen

Read first time 01/30/95. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to welfare fraud; amending RCW 74.08.290 and
2 74.04.062; adding a new section to chapter 74.08 RCW; and creating new
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that welfare fraud
6 damages the state's ability to use its limited resources to help those
7 in need who legitimately qualify for assistance. In addition, it
8 affects the credibility and integrity of the system, promoting disdain
9 for the law.

10 Persons convicted of committing such fraud should be barred, for a
11 period of time, from receiving additional public assistance.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.08.290 and 1959 c 26 s 74.08.290 are each amended
13 to read as follows:

14 The department is hereby authorized to suspend temporarily the
15 public assistance granted to any person for any period during which
16 such person is not in need thereof.

1 If a recipient is convicted of any crime or offense, and punished
2 by imprisonment, no payment shall be made during the period of
3 imprisonment.

4 If a recipient is convicted of unlawful practices under RCW
5 74.08.331, no payment shall be made for a period to be determined by
6 the court, but in no event less than six months upon the first
7 conviction and no less than twelve months for a second or subsequent
8 violation. This suspension of public assistance shall apply regardless
9 of whether the recipient is subject to complete or partial confinement
10 upon conviction, or incurs some lesser penalty.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.04.062 and 1973 c 152 s 2 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Upon written request of a person who has been properly identified
14 as an officer of the law with a felony arrest warrant or a properly
15 identified United States immigration official with a warrant for an
16 illegal alien the department shall disclose to such officer the current
17 address and location of the person properly described in the warrant.
18 However, this rule does not restrict in any manner whatsoever the
19 disclosure of address and location information by the department
20 pursuant to its implementation of the federal "systematic alien
21 verification for entitlements" program or pursuant to section 4 of this
22 act.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 74.08 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 The department shall implement the federal "systematic alien
26 verification for entitlements" program, the "SAVE" program. The
27 department shall:

28 (1) Coordinate with other state agencies, including but not limited
29 to the employment security department, to ensure that persons receiving
30 federal or state funds are eligible in terms of citizenship and
31 residency status;

32 (2) Post at every community service office a sign letting
33 applicants and recipients know that illegal aliens will be reported to
34 the United States immigration and naturalization service and that the
35 systematic alien verification for entitlements program is in use in the
36 office; and

1 (3) Systematically use all processes available to verify
2 eligibility in terms of the citizenship and residency status of
3 applicants and recipients for public assistance.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall have the SAVE program
5 in full force and effect by September 30, 1995, and report to the
6 fiscal committees of the house of representatives and senate by
7 December 1, 1995, regarding the progress of implementation and outcomes
8 by region of the program.

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