

sign, signal, or traffic device required or permitted to be posted or maintained, or the placing and maintaining thereon of highway or road signs or traffic devices giving directions or distances for the information of the public when the signs are approved by the ((commission)) department. The ((commission)) department shall inspect highway grade crossings and make complaint of the violation of any provisions of this section.

Passed the House February 16, 1983.

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CHAPTER 20

[Senate Bill No. 3613]

GENDER—NEUTRAL LANGUAGE—STATUTES—RULES— PUBLICATIONS

AN ACT Relating to gender-neutral terms; adding a new section to chapter 43.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. It is the intent of the legislature to have the state's statutes, rules, and official communications expressed in gender-neutral terms.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 43.01 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) All rules and directory or advisory publications issued, adopted, or amended by state officers or agencies, as defined by RCW 41.06.020, after July 1, 1983, shall be written in gender-neutral terms unless a specification of gender is intended.

(2) No rule or publication is invalid because it does not comply with this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 44.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) All statutes, memorials, and resolutions enacted, adopted, or amended by the legislature after July 1, 1983, shall be written in gender-neutral terms unless a specification of gender is intended.

(2) No statute, memorial, or resolution is invalid because it does not comply with this section.

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