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1 AN ACT Relating to a volunteer chaplain for the department of fish
2 and wildlife; and amending RCW 77.15.075 and 41.22.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.15.075 and 2003 c 388 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Fish and wildlife officers and ex officio fish and wildlife
7 officers shall enforce this title, rules of the department, and other
8 statutes as prescribed by the legislature. Fish and wildlife officers
9 who are not ex officio officers shall have and exercise, throughout the
10 state, such police powers and duties as are vested in sheriffs and
11 peace officers generally. An applicant for a fish and wildlife officer
12 position must be a citizen of the United States of America who can read
13 and write the English language. All fish and wildlife officers
14 employed after June 13, 2002, must successfully complete the basic law
15 enforcement academy course, known as the basic course, sponsored by the
16 criminal justice training commission, or the basic law enforcement
17 equivalency certification, known as the equivalency course, provided by
18 the criminal justice training commission. All officers employed on
19 June 13, 2002, must have successfully completed the basic course, the

1 equivalency course, or the supplemental course in criminal law
2 enforcement, known as the supplemental course, offered under chapter
3 155, Laws of 1985. Any officer who has not successfully completed the
4 basic course, the equivalency course, or the supplemental course must
5 complete the basic course or the equivalency course within fifteen
6 months of June 13, 2002.

7 (2) Fish and wildlife officers are peace officers.

8 (3) Any liability or claim of liability under chapter 4.92 RCW that
9 arises out of the exercise or alleged exercise of authority by a fish
10 and wildlife officer rests with the department unless the fish and
11 wildlife officer acts under the direction and control of another agency
12 or unless the liability is otherwise assumed under an agreement between
13 the department and another agency.

14 (4) Fish and wildlife officers may serve and execute warrants and
15 processes issued by the courts.

16 (5) The department may utilize the services of a volunteer chaplain
17 as provided under chapter 41.22 RCW.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.22.020 and 1985 c 223 s 2 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 The Washington state patrol and the department of fish and wildlife
21 may utilize the services of a volunteer chaplain.

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