

Debt prohibited by consolidation not validated.

which, together with all other indebtedness of such county, city or town existing at the time of the attempted incurring of the same exceeded any constitutional limitation of indebtedness which might be incurred with the assent of three-fifths of the voters in such county, city or town voting at an election to be held for that purpose: *And provided further*, That this act shall apply only to indebtedness attempted to be incurred prior to the passage hereof.

Application of act.

"Corporate authorities" defined.

SEC. 4. The words "corporate authorities," used in this act, shall be held to mean the legislative or managing body of any county, city or town.

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CHAPTER 153.

[S. B. 364.]

REGULATING WIDTH OF TIRES.

AN ACT regulating the load in proportion to the width of tires that may be transported on vehicles over and along certain state and county roads, and providing penalties for violations thereof.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to transport in any cart, wagon, automobile truck or other vehicle over and along roads in any county where the character of the material of which the roads in such county are constructed and the climatic conditions prevailing in such county render the transportation of greater loads per inch of width of tire injurious to such roads, any load that shall not be so limited and adjusted that the bearing of the load, including the weight of the vehicle, upon the road as transmitted through the axle to any tire, shall not exceed four hundred pounds per inch of width of such tire, for tires two inches in width or less; and for tires in excess of two inches in width, but not to exceed five inches in width, the load per inch per width of

Load, including tire, must not exceed four hundred pounds per inch of width per tire.

tire shall not exceed four hundred pounds per inch of width of tire plus fifty pounds per inch of width in excess of two inches; and for tires five inches in width the load shall not exceed five hundred-fifty pounds per inch of width of such tire; and for tires in excess of five inches in width the load per inch of width shall not exceed five hundred-fifty pounds per inch of width of tire plus seventy pounds per inch of width in excess of five inches: *Provided*, That if the diameter of the wheels bearing the load exceed three feet, an additional load of fifty pounds per inch of width of tire may be carried on such wheels for each foot of diameter of such wheel in excess of three feet.

Fifty pounds per inch in excess of two inches.

Tires five inches in width.

Large wheels permitted to carry more.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of the respective counties of the state to determine whether or not the character of the material of which the roads of such county are constructed and the climatic conditions prevailing in such county render it necessary that the provisions of this act be enforced in such county, and to enter such determination in the record of the proceedings of the board, and when such determination shall be that the character of the material of which the roads of such county are constructed and the climatic conditions prevailing in such county are such as to render it injurious to such roads to allow greater loads per inch of width of tire to be transported over and along the roads of such county, the provisions of this act shall be effective in such county, provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to vehicles merely passing through and not commonly used therein.

County commissioners to determine whether roads require wide tires.

Transient vehicles.

SEC. 3. Every person or corporation transporting greater loads per inch of width of tire over and along the state and county roads within any county where the board of county commissioners has determined that this act shall be effective, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and for a third violation of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Penalty.

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