

judgment of said department for the best interests of the state.

(5) To sell products of the plate mill to any department, to any state, county or other public institution and to any governmental agency, of this or any other state under such rules, regulations, terms and prices as may be in the judgment of said department for the best interests of the state.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 2, 1923.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1923.

CHAPTER 102.

[S. B. 147.]

HIGHWAYS.

An Act relating to public highways, providing for the construction and maintenance of uniform sign boards or guide posts thereon at grade crossings and the approaches thereto, and amending section 6303 Remington's Compiled Statutes, same being section 2692 Pierce's Code.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6303 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, same being section 2692, Pierce's Code, be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.
Comp. Stat.
§ 6303;
Pierce's Code
§ 2692.

Section 6303. It shall be the duty of the state highway engineer to prepare plans and specifications for sign boards or guide posts, making them uniform and of standard style, to be used on the public highways, with a plan of proper and suitable inscription thereon furnishing suitable information as to ways and distances to travelers, using such colors and designs, as the state highway engineer may deem advis-

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able, and to at once furnish said plans and specifications to the board of county commissioners of each county and the governing body of each incorporated city or town within the state. Approach signs to railroad crossings shall be located not less than three hundred (300) feet nor more than four hundred (400) feet from the center of the railroad track on the right hand side of the road approaching the track, with the top of the sign not more than six (6) feet nor less than four (4) feet above the level of the crown of the highway, said sign to be made of twenty (20) gauge metal, painted white and have inscribed thereon a cross within a circle with the letter "R" at least four (4) inches in height, in each of the two upper quadrants, said circle to be eighteen (18) inches in diameter and below the circle shall be printed in letters at least two (2) inches high the words "Railroad Crossing." All marks and lettering on the sign shall be in red. Railroad crossing signs shall be constructed by the railroad company and be located in a conspicuous place at or near the point of crossing and shall be of the type known as the saw buck crossing sign, with the lettering "Railroad Crossing" inscribed thereon. *Provided* That all such signs shall be made in the metal working plant of the State Penitentiary.

Where railroad crossing signs now constructed are of other than the saw buck type they shall be changed to that type when it is necessary to renew or repair them and all thereof shall be changed within a period of five (5) years from the date of the passage of this act.

Passed the Senate February 10, 1923.

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