

CHAPTER 111.

[S. B. 234.]

PUBLIC DANCES AND DANCE HALLS.

An Act providing for the regulation and licensing of public dances and dance-halls without the limits of incorporated cities and towns, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

Definitions.

SECTION 1. As used in this act, the term "public dance" shall be construed to mean any dance or ball to which the public generally may gain admission with or without the payment of an admission fee. The term "dance-hall" shall be construed to mean any room, hall, pavilion, boat, float, building or other structure kept for the purpose of conducting therein public dances or dancing.

Unlawful without permit.

SEC. 2. No person, co-partnership or corporation shall hold any public dance or conduct or maintain any dance hall without the limits of incorporated cities or towns without having first procured from the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which it is proposed to conduct such dance or dance-hall a license so to do. Licenses for dance-halls shall be issued by the year or by the quarter, as requested by the applicant. A license for a single public dance shall entitle the holder thereof to conduct such dance only on the day and at the place specified in the license. No license to conduct a public dance or dance-hall shall be granted unless the applicant therefor be of good moral character. No license shall be granted to any corporation, but if any dance-hall be conducted by a corporation the license shall issue to the manager or other directing head thereof.

License period.

Fees.

SEC. 3. The Board of County Commissioners of each county shall, by a general order, from time to

time, fix the fees to be charged for licenses granted hereunder, such fees, however, not to be less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for an annual dance-hall license, nor less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for a quarterly license, nor less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than ten dollars (\$10.00) for a license for a single dance. The county commissioners may issue a permit without charge for grange, patriotic, fraternal or community dances.

SEC. 4. No immoral, indecent, suggestive or obscene dance shall be given or carried on in any dance-hall or at any dance licensed hereunder. All buildings, halls, rooms, pavilions or other places in which public dances are carried on, as well as all halls, corridors and rooms leading thereto or connected therewith shall at all times while open to the public, be well lighted.

Immoral, etc.,
prohibited.

No public dance shall be conducted nor dance hall kept open between the hours of one (1) o'clock A. M. and six (6) o'clock A. M., unless a special permit is obtained from the Board of County Commissioners.

Hours for
holding.

No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be permitted to attend any public dance without the escort of his or her parent or guardian. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who shall by affirmative misrepresentation of age obtain admission to or permission to remain in any public dance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Persons
prohibited
from
attending.

The Board of County Commissioners shall have authority to make all proper and necessary administrative rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect the provision of this act with respect to the conduct of public dances, and may in its discretion refuse to grant licenses for dance-

Rules and
regulations.

halls to be located at such places or to be conducted at such times as will in their judgment interfere with the comfort and happiness of the community in which such proposed dance hall is to be located.

Peace
officers.

All peace officers of the State of Washington shall have free access to public dances and dance-halls for the purpose of inspection and to enforce compliance with the provisions of this act.

Applications.

SEC. 5. Applications for licenses hereunder shall be filed with the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and be accompanied with a receipt showing the payment to the County Treasurer of a license fee. After determining to grant a license to the applicant, the board shall notify the County Auditor, who shall issue the license to the applicant. All licenses granted hereunder shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

Revocation.

SEC. 6. Any license granted hereunder to conduct a dance-hall may be revoked by the Board of County Commissioners after a hearing held upon not less than ten (10) days written notice to the licensee, and the action of said board in revoking any such license shall be final and conclusive. Every licensee accepting a license hereunder shall be deemed to have consented to the provision of this section with respect to the cancellation of licenses.

Transfer.

No license granted hereunder shall be transferable except by a formal order of the Board of County Commissioners, nor shall any dance-hall or public dance be conducted at any place other than that specified in the license therefor.

Penalties.

SEC. 7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in any sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) or by imprisonment

for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1923.

Passed the House March 6, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1923.

CHAPTER 112.

[S. B. 254.]

LAND SETTLEMENT.

An Act relating to Land Settlement and amending Chapter 17, Title XVI of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 3021-1.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 17, Title XVI of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 3021-1 as follows:

Rem. Comp.
Stat. § 3021-1;
Pierce's Code
§ 94-4a.

Section 3021-1. The Director of the Department of Conservation and Development shall have authority, when in his opinion it will materially contribute to the success of the settler on land purchased or leased under the provisions of this Chapter to purchase and sell, with interest on the unpaid part of the purchase price at the rate of six per cent per annum, heifers and milch cows to such settler for use on said land on such terms and under such conditions as said Director of the Department of Conservation and Development shall deem advisable.

Milch
cows for
settlers.

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