

## CHAPTER 17.

[ H. B. 17. ]

PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES IN FACTORIES WHERE  
MACHINERY IS USED.

AN ACT relating to the protection of employees in factories where machinery is used, amending section 1 of chapter 37, Laws of 1903, as amended by section 1 of chapter 84, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1 of chapter 205, Laws of 1907 (section 7658 of Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

Amendments.

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 37, Laws of 1903, as amended by section 1 of chapter 84, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1 of chapter 205, Laws of 1907 (section 7658 of Remington's Revised Statutes) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Safety  
devices  
required.

Section 1. Any person, firm, corporation or association operating a factory, mill or workshop, or conducting any operation where machinery is used, shall provide and maintain in use, belt shifters or other mechanical contrivances for the purpose of throwing on or off belts on pulleys while running, where the same are practicable with regard to the nature and purpose of said belts and the dangers to employees therefrom; also reasonable safeguards for all vats, pans, trimmers, cut-off, gang edger, and other saws, planers, cogs, gearings, belting, shafting, coupling, set screws, live rollers, conveyors, mangles in laundries and machinery of other similar description, which it is practicable to guard, and which can be effectively guarded with due regard to the ordinary use of such machinery and appliances, and the dangers to employees therefrom, and with which the employees of any such factory, mill or workshop are liable to come in contact while in the performance of their duties; and shall correct any other un-

safe methods of performing work which can be corrected with due regard to the general performance of such work; and if any machine or equipment, or any part thereof, is in a defective condition, and its operation would be extrahazardous because of such defect, or if any machine is not safeguarded as provided in this act, the use thereof is prohibited, and a notice to that effect shall be attached thereto by the Department of Labor and Industries' inspector immediately on receiving notice of such defect or lack of safeguard, and such notice shall not be removed until said defect has been remedied or the machine safeguarded as herein provided; and where it is found that discontinuance of unsafe methods or practices is practicable with due regard to the ordinary performance of the work, such unsafe practices or methods shall be immediately discontinued upon written notice from the inspector, and the work shall cease until such unsafe practices or methods have been corrected.

Correct  
unsafe  
methods.

Use of unsafe  
machines  
prohibited.

Notice.

Passed the House January 27, 1943.

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