

public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 7, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 31.

[House Bill No. 309.]

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY—CONVEYANCE OF PICKETT HOUSE.

AN Act authorizing the Washington state historical society to convey the real property constituting the site of Pickett House, in Whatcom County, Washington, to the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, Whatcom Chapter No. 5.

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

Pickett House. Conveyance of authorized.

SECTION 1. The Washington state historical society, which holds title thereto as trustee for the state of Washington pursuant to the provisions of RCW 27.28.020, is hereby authorized to convey to the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, Whatcom Chapter No. 5, a Washington nonprofit corporation to be organized, for a consideration of one dollar, the following described real property situated in the county of Whatcom, state of Washington, to wit:

Lot 1, in Block 10, of the Town of Whatcom, now a part of the City of Bellingham, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Auditor of said County, which real property constitutes the Pickett House in said city.

Maintenance as historical site—Reversion upon failure to do so.

SEC. 2. Said chapter, by acceptance of such conveyance, shall be deemed to have agreed to hold said property in trust for the state of Washington, and to maintain and keep the same open to the pub-

lic as an historical site, and, in case of its failure so to do, title to said property shall revert to the state of Washington.

Passed the House March 5, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 32.

[House Bill No. 313.]

RENTED MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.—FAILURE TO RETURN.

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishment; and adding a new section to chapter 249, Laws of 1909 and chapter 9.54 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 249, Laws of 1909 and chapter 9.54 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

Any person to whom a motor vehicle, or piece of machinery or equipment having a fair market value in excess of two thousand dollars, is delivered on a rental or lease basis under any agreement in writing providing for its return to a particular place at a particular time, who refuses or wilfully neglects to return such vehicle or piece of machinery or equipment after the expiration of a reasonable time after a notice in writing proved to have been duly mailed by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested addressed to the last known address of the person who rented or leased the motor vehicle, or piece of machinery or equipment shall be presumed to have intended to deprive or defraud the owner thereof within the meaning of RCW 9.54.010 defining the crime of larceny. This presumption may be rebutted by evidence creating a reasonable infer-

Larceny. Retaining leased motor vehicle, machinery or equipment after notice to return presumed larceny.