

CHAPTER 242.

[H. B. 43.]

WAR COUNCIL RESPECTING TRAFFIC CONTROL.

AN ACT to facilitate the movement of troops, military vehicles and materials for national defense and war and prescribing the powers, duties and responsibilities of the War Council and other officials and agencies with respect thereto, and prescribing penalties.

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

War council to adopt plans and rules.

SECTION 1. *Powers of the War Council Respecting Traffic Control.* The War Council, consisting of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Insurance Commissioner is authorized and empowered to formulate and execute plans and adopt and promulgate orders, rules and regulations for the rapid and safe movement over public highways and streets of troops, vehicles of a military nature, materials for national defense and war, or for use in any war industry, and to coordinate the activities of the departments or agencies of this state and of the political subdivisions thereof concerned directly or indirectly with public highways and streets in a manner which will best effectuate such plans, orders, rules and regulations. No order, rule or regulation shall be adopted or promulgated by the War Council under the provisions of this act except with the unanimous consent of the members thereof.

Coordinate traffic control.

Unanimous consent.

Cooperation required.

SEC. 2. *Powers and Duties of Officers and Public Bodies of Political Subdivisions.* The governing body of each political subdivision of this state shall have power and it shall be its duty to cooperate with the War Council and any state department or agency designated by it in executing and enforcing the plans, orders, rules and regulations made pursuant to this act.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any order, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor. Penalty.

SEC. 4. *Effective Date; Termination.* This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately, and it shall remain in force until the convening of the next regular or special session of the state legislature. Effective immediately.
Termination.

Passed the House March 10, 1943.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 243.

[H. B. 45.]

EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION POWERS OF WAR COUNCIL.

AN ACT relating to the transportation of persons and property within the state, granting certain emergency war powers to the War Council for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of persons and property and in order to conserve and providently utilize vital transportation equipment, materials, and supplies, especially rubber, providing penalties, and prescribing the period of effectiveness thereof.

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* By reason of the war in which the United States is engaged and in order to insure the continued availability and use of facilities needed for transportation of persons and property which is deemed essential to the prosecution of war or to the domestic war-time economy of the state or of the United States, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary, in the interest of the defense of the state and of the United States, that a War Council, consisting of the Governor, the Lieu- Emergency powers granted.