

CHAPTER 124.

[S. B. 218.]

LOG DRIVING COMPANIES.

AN ACT relating to log driving companies; increasing the maximum rates which may be charged for certain services thereof; and amending section 76.32.050, RCW.

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

Amendment. SECTION 1. Section 76.32.050, RCW, as derived from section 1, chapter 229, Laws of 1909, is amended to read as follows:

Operate at request of owners. Operate without request of owners; when authorized. Driving charges.

After such corporation has entered upon its duties, which shall be within three months of the filing of its maps of location, it shall operate in streams theretofore navigable, upon the request of the owners, and in the case of logs and other timber products which are commingled, or lying in such a position as to obstruct or impede the drive, without such request. When a navigable stream upon which it was not previously practicable to float logs or other timber products is improved by clearing out rocks, straightening the channel, or constructing wing dams and sheers, thereby aiding and assisting the floating of logs and other timber products, the corporation shall be entitled to driving charges on all logs or other timber products placed in the stream without a request to drive them, and in streams not navigable before such improvements were made, it shall without request, sluice, sack, and drive all logs and other timber products of suitable length that may be placed in the stream so improved, or that may be delivered into its ponds.

Logs to be handled without discrimination.

It shall handle all such logs and other timber products of all persons upon the same terms, without discrimination as to time of sluicing, sacking, and driving.

Toll charges. It shall be entitled to charge and collect reasonable and uniform tolls for such services and improve-

ments, on all logs and other timber products handled, or sheered out of sloughs or off the bars by means of the improvements. Such tolls shall not exceed two dollars per thousand feet, board measure, on logs, spars or other large timber, and reasonable compensation on all other timber products, such charges to be fixed by the board of trustees of the corporation in proportion to the distance the timber is to be driven and the number of dams through which it is necessarily sluiced or sheered. In case the corporation is also engaged in the booming and rafting of logs and other timber so sluiced, sacked, and driven, an additional sum not to exceed one dollar and twenty cents per thousand feet for logs, spars and other large timber, and reasonable compensation on all other timber products may be charged for the booming and rafting.

Rates.

Booming
and rafting
charges.

The amount of such logs and other products shall be determined by the usual method of scaling, and the corporation shall have a lien upon all logs and other timber products handled for sluicing, sacking, and driving, and for booming and rafting to be enforced in the manner provided by law for the enforcement of liens for labor on logs.

Liens.

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Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.