CHAPTER LXXX.

[8. B. No. 124.]

TO PROTECT PERSONS KEEPING OR FEEDING LIVE STOCK.

AN ACT for the protection of farmers, ranchmen, herders of cattle, tavern keepers, and livery and boarding house stable keepers' and other persons, for herding, keeping, pasturing, feeding and caring for stock, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Any farmer, ranchman, herder of cattle, tavern keeper, livery and boarding stable keeper to whom any horses, mules, cattle or sheep shall be entrusted for the purpose of feeding, herding, pasturing, training, caring for or ranching, shall have a lien upon said horses, mules, cattle or sheep for the amount that may be due for such feeding, herding, pasturing, training, caring for or ranching, and shall be authorized to retain possession of such horses, mules, cattle or sheep until the said amount is paid: Provided, That these provisions shall not be construed to apply to stolen stock.

Sec. 2. Any person having a lien under the provisions of section 1 of this act may enforce the same by an action in any court of competent jurisdiction; and said property may be sold on execution for the purpose of satisfying the amount of such judgment and costs of sale, together with the proper costs of keeping the same up to the time of said sale.

Sec. 3. Whereas, fraud and injustice is constantly being perpetrated upon persons mentioned in section 1 of this act, an emergency is declared to exist; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 4, 1891.