CHAPTER III.

(S. B. No. 119)

TO PROMOTE STATE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.

AN ACT to promote the agricultural interests of the State of Washington, providing for county inspectors of apiaries, defining their duties, and providing for their compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever a petition is presented to the board of county commissioners of any county, signed by ten or more persons, each of whom is a property holder resident of the county, and owner of an apiary or place where bees are kept, stating that certain or all apiaries within the county are infected with the disease known as “foul brood,” or any other disease which is infectious or contagious in its nature, and injurious to the bees, their eggs or larvae, and praying that an inspector be appointed by them, whose duty it shall be to supervise the treatment of said bees and apiaries as herein provided, the board of county commissioners shall, within twenty days thereafter, appoint a suitable person, who shall be a skilled bee-keeper, inspector of apiaries. The said board of county commissioners may remove said inspector at any time for cause.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the inspector in each county to cause an inspection to be made when he deems it necessary, of any apiary, or other place within his jurisdiction in which bees are kept, and if found infected with foul brood, or any other infectious or contagious disease injurious to the bees, or their eggs, or larvae he shall notify the owner or owners, person or persons, in charge, or in possession of said apiaries or places where bees are kept, that the same are infected with foul brood, or any other disease infectious or contagious in its nature, and injurious to bees, their eggs or larvae, and he shall require such person or persons to eradicate and remove such disease or cause of contagion within a certain time to be specified. Said notice may be served upon the person or persons, or either of them, owning or having charge, or having possession of such infected apiaries, or places where bees are kept, by any inspector, or
by any person deputized by the said inspector for that purpose, or they may be served in the same manner as a summons in a civil action. All such apiaries, or places where bees are kept, found infected with foul brood, or any other infectious or contagious disease, are hereby adjudged and declared to be a public nuisance; and whenever any such nuisance shall exist at any place within his jurisdiction, or on the property of any non-resident, or on any property the owner or owners of which cannot be found by the inspector, after diligent search, within the county or upon the property of any owner or owners upon whom notice aforesaid has been served and who shall refuse or neglect to abate the same within the time specified, it shall be the duty of the inspector to abate the same, either by treating the disease, or by destroying the infected hives, together with their combs and bees therein. The expense thereof shall be a county charge and the board of county commissioners shall allow and pay the same out of the general fund of the county.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the county inspector of apiaries to keep a record of his official acts and doings, and make report thereof to the board of county commissioners at their October meeting of each year.

Sec. 4. The salary of the county inspector of apiaries shall be three dollars per day when actually engaged in the performance of his duties: Provided, That the expenditures under this act in any county shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars per annum.

Sec. 5. The inspector of apiaries may, in his discretion, order the owner or owners, or other person in charge of bees kept in box or other immovable or stationary comb-hives in apiaries infected with foul brood or other infectious or contagious disease, or within a radius of three miles of such diseased apiaries, to transfer such bees to movable frame hives within a reasonable time, to be specified in such order or notice, and in default of such transfer the owner, or owners, or other persons in charge of such bees, the inspector may destroy, or cause to be destroyed, all such hives, together with their contents, and the expense thereof shall be a county charge, as provided in section two of this act.

Sec. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or controlling bees within this State, which are known to be infected with foul brood or other infectious or contagious disease, to remove said bees to a new location, without first
giving ten days' notice to the county inspector of apiaries, stating when and where he intends moving said bees.

**SEC. 7.** Any person or persons whose apiary is infected with foul brood or any other infectious or contagious disease, and who sells or offers for sale, from such infected apiary any bees, hives, bee fixtures or appurtenances, or who shall expose in his bee yard or elsewhere, any infected comb-honey, bees wax, or other infected things, or who conceals the fact that his apiary is so infected, or who shall resist, impede, or hinder in any way, the inspector of apiaries in the discharge of his duties, under the provisions of this act, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred ($100) dollars.

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**CHAPTER 112.**

*(H. B. No. 140)*

**AMENDING ACT OF 1888 RELATIVE TO PAYMENT OF WAGES FOR LABOR.**

AN ACT amending Section 1 of an act entitled, "An act to provide for the payment of wages of labor in lawful money of the United States and to punish violations of the same," approved February 2, 1888, being Section 3305 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of the State of Washington.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section one of "An act to provide for the payment of wages of labor in lawful money of the United States and to punish violations of the same," approved February 2, 1888, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1. That it shall not be lawful for any corporation, person or firm engaged in manufacturing of any kind in this State, mining, railroading, constructing railroads, or any business or enterprise of whatsoever kind in this State, to issue, pay