the purpose of defraying the court costs, witness fees, engineer's services, traveling and other expenses in connection' with the suit about to be instituted in the Supreme Court of the United States by the State of Washington against the State of Oregon to determine the boundary line between such States, which sum shall be expended upon vouchers approved by the Attorney General, and the State Auditor is hereby authorized to audit said sums, and if found correct, to issue warrants upon the State Treasurer in payment of said sums, and the State Treasurer is authorized to pay said warrants.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1905.

Passed the House March 9, 1905.

Approved by the Governor March 9, 1905.

# CHAPTER 154.

# (H. B. No. 152)

#### REGULATING USE OF AUTOMOBILES, MOTOR CYCLES, ETC.

AN ACT regulating automobiles or motor vehicles on public roads, highways, park or parkways, streets or avenues, within the State of Washington.

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

SECTION I. No automobile or motor vehicle shall be Must comply used or operated on any public highroad, highway, park or parkway, street or avenue within this State until the owners shall have complied with sections two, four and five of this act.

SEC. 2. The owner of every automobile or motor vehicle File shall file in the office of the Secretary of State annually before June first a statement of his name and address, together with a brief description of every such vehicle owned by him and shall obtain from said Secretary a numbered certificate for each of said vehicles, which certificate shall state the name of the owner of such vehicle and that he has registered in accordance with the provisions of this act. These certificates shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with one. SEC. 3. The Secretary of State shall keep a record of all such statements and of all certificates issued by him with their numbers.

SEC. 4. The fee for issuing said certificate shall be two dollars and the fee for each renewal thereof shall be two dollars.

- Display certificate. SEC. 5. The number of each certificate, preceded by the letters "Wn." shall be displayed upon the back of such automobile or motor vehicle in light colored arabic numerals at least four inches high on a dark background.
- **Exemptions.** SEC. 6. The provisions of the previous sections shall not apply to automobiles, motor vehicles or motor cycles owned and operated by non-residents of this State, provided the owners thereof have complied with any law requiring the registration of owners of automobiles, motor vehicles or motor cycles in force in the State, Territory or Federal district of their residence, and the registration number showing the initial of such State, Territory or Federal district shall be displayed on such vehicle substantially as provided by section five of this act.

Lamp required. SEC. 7. Every automobile or motor vehicle when driven on any public road, highway, park or parkway, street or avenue within this State shall, during the hours of darkness, have fixed upon some conspicuous part thereof, at least one lighted lamp, showing white to the front and red to the rear, and shall have the license or certificate number of said vehicle painted in dark Arabic numerals across the white glass in said lamp.

Use muffler. SEC. 8. Every automobile or motor vehicle using gasoline as motive power shall use the "muffler," so called, and the same shall not be cut out or disconnected within the limits of any city or village within this State. Every automobile or motor vehicle shall be provided with good and efficient brakes and with a bell or horn, which shall be rung or blown whenever there is danger of collision or accident. The driver or operator of every automobile or motor vehicle shall turn to the right in meeting vehicles, teams and persons moving or headed in an opposite direction, and turn to the right in passing vehicles, teams and persons moving or headed in the same direction.

SEC. 9. Every person having control or charge of any automobile or motor vehicle, whenever upon any public street

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or way, and approaching any vehicle drawn by a horse or horses, or any horse upon which any person is riding, shall operate, manage and control such automobile or motor vehicle in such manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of any such horse or horses, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. And if such horse or horses appear frightened, the person in control of such motor vehicle shall reduce its speed, and, if requested by signal or otherwise by the driver of such horse or horses, shall not proceed further towards such animal unless such movement be necessary to avoid accident or injury, or until such animal appears to be under the control of its rider or driver.

SEC. IO. No person, driver or operator in charge of any automobile or motor vehicle on any public road, highway, park or parkway, street or avenue within the State shall drive, operate, move, or permit the same to be driven, operated or moved at a rate of speed faster than one (I) Speed limited. mile in five (5) minutes with in [within] the thickly settled or business portion of any city or village within this State, nor outside of such thickly settled or business portion ot any city or village on any public road, highway, park or parkway, street or avenue, at a rate of speed faster than one (I) mile in two and one-half  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  minutes; nor over any crossing or crosswalk within the limits of any city or village, at a rate faster than one mile in fifteen (I5) minutes when any person is upon the same.

SEC. II. No person driving or in charge of any automobile, or motor vehicle on any highway, townway, public street, avenue, driveway, park or parkway, shall drive the same at any speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the way by others, or so as to endanger the life or limb of any person; and racing any such vehicle on any such way or parks is hereby forbidden.

SEC. 12. Cities, towns and counties shall have no power Powers of to pass, enforce or maintain any ordinance, rule or regulacities, etc., tion requiring of any owner or operator of any automobile or motor vehicle, any license or permit to use the public roads, highways, park or parkways, streets or avenues, or excluding or prohibiting any automobile or motor vehicle whose owner has complied with Sections 2, 4 and 5 of this act from the free use of such public road, highway, park or parkway, street or avenue, and all such ordinances, rules and regulations now in force are hereby declared to be of no validity or effect: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed as limiting the power of local authorities to make, enforce and maintain ordinances, rules or regulations, in addition to the provisions of this act, effecting [affecting] automobiles or motor vehicles which are offered to the public for hire.

SEC. 13. The violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Passed the House February 15, 1905.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1905.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1905.

# CHAPTER 155.

#### (H. B. No. 312)

# AMENDING BALLINGER'S AND PIERCE'S CODES RELA-TIVE TO ADOPTION OF LEGAL HEIRS.

AN ACT to amend Section 6480 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington (being Section 2801 of Pierce's Washington Code), relating to the adoption of legal heirs.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 6480 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington (being Section 2801 of Pierce's Washington Code) be amended to read as follows: Section 6480. Any inhabitant of this State, not married, or any husband and wife jointly, may petition the superior court of their proper county for leave to adopt and change the name if desired, of any child under the age of twentyone years, but a written consent must be given to such adoption by the child, if of the age of fourteen years, and by each of his or her living parents who is not hopelessly insane or a confirmed drunkard. If there be no such parents, or if the parents be unknown, or shall have abandoned such child, or if such parents, or either of them, are hopelessly insane.