is hereby appropriated from the permanent highway fund for completing work already under contract and for new contracts on and the maintenance of permanent highways.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the Senate January 20, 1921. Passed by the House January 26, 1921. Approved by the Governor February 1, 1921.

CHAPTER 6.

[H. B. 70.]

MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to the use of public highways, providing for the issuance and fixing the terms of motor vehicle licenses, amending sections 7 and 12 of chapter 142 of the Laws of 1915, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7 of chapter 142 of the Laws of 1915 be amended to read as follows:

Section 7. The secretary of state shall, upon receipt of the application for a motor vehicle license accompanied by the required fee, place the original application on file in his office and thereupon issue to the applicant a license for such motor vehicle, stating therein the number to be displayed on such motor vehicle, as hereinafter provided, and authorizing the use of such vehicle upon the public highways for and during the current calendar year: *Provided*, That if such application is received during the month of December in any year the license shall be issued for, and shall be valid during, the ensuing calendar year.

License issued by Secretary of State.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. That section 12 of chapter 142 of the Laws of 1915 be amended to read as follows:

Section 12. The secretary of state shall furnish to each licensee of a motor vehicle two number plates containing the number to be displayed on such vehicle, as hereinafter provided. The number shall be in block numerals and of such size as the secretary of state may determine, and shall be preceded by the letters "Wn" and by the last two numerals of the year for which the license is issued. Such number plates, if issued to a dealer, shall contain the word "Dealer." Such plates shall be obtained by the secretary of state on competitive bids: *Provided*, That the secretary of state shall be and is hereby authorized to purchase the necessary number plates for use during the period from March 1, 1921, to December 31, 1921, at private sale.

SEC. 3. The following sum, or as much thereof as shall be found necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the motor vehicle fund in the state treasury for the biennium ending March 31, 1921:

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate Emergency. preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House January 27, 1921.

Passed the Senate January 28, 1921.

Approved by the Governor February 3, 1921.

plates furnished by Secretary of State.

Number