CHAPTER 79.

[S. B. 215.]

AUTO TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES.

An Act to relieve the general fund of the expense of regulating and supervising auto transportation companies, creating a fund and providing fees to cover the cost of such regulation and supervision, and amending Section 9 of Chapter 111 of the Laws of 1921, and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. That Section 9, Chapter 111, Laws of 1921, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there is hereby created in the State Treasury a state fund to be known as the "Auto Transportation Fund." All fees collected by the Director of Public Works as herein provided shall be paid into the State Treasury monthly and shall be credited to the said "Auto Transportation Fund."

All auto transportation companies operating under the provisions of this act shall between the 1st and 15th days of January, April, July and October of each year, file with the Director of Public Works a statement showing the gross operating revenue of such company for the preceding three months or portion thereof, and shall pay to the said Director a fee not to exceed one per cent of the amount of such gross operating revenue. The percentage rate of gross operating revenue to be paid as provided herein shall be subject to future adjustment by the Director of Public Works, which percentage not exceeding one per cent, shall be fixed by the said Director by general order duly entered at the beginning of each fiscal year, or at the beginning of any quarter. In fixing such rate the Director of Public
Works shall take into consideration all moneys on hand in the said "Auto Transportation Fund" to the end that the fund created hereunder shall be neither more nor less than sufficient to cover the cost of supervising and regulating auto transportation companies operating under the provisions of this act.

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES:**

All applications for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be accompanied by an application fee of $25.00. Applications for transfer of a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be accompanied by a fee of $5.00. Application for the mortgaging of a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be accompanied by a fee of $5.00. Application for the issuance of a duplicate certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be accompanied by a fee of $3.00. Application for the issuance of copies of any records of the Department of Public Works pertaining to auto transportation companies, per 100 words or portion thereof shall be accompanied by a fee of $0.15.

**Sec. 2.** There is hereby appropriated for the use of the Director of Public Works for the work incident to the supervision and regulation of auto transportation companies from the "Auto Transportation Fund" the sum of $100,000.00 for the biennium beginning April 1, 1923, or so much thereof as may be necessary, but in no case to exceed the cash paid into said fund, said sum to be available for supplies, materials, salaries and all other expenses incident to the supervision and regulation of such companies.

**Sec. 3.** This Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect on the first day of April, 1923.

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