reason of its offensive and pungent odor, does or will annoy, injure, endanger or inconvenience any person or persons, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor: Provided, That this act shall not apply to persons in the military service, actually engaged in the performance of military duties, pursuant to orders from competent authority nor to any property owner or person acting under his authority in providing protection against the commission of a felony.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1927.
Passed the House March 9, 1927.
Approved by the Governor March 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 246.
[S. B. 251.]

STATE PUBLIC LANDS ON FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

AN ACT relating to the subdivision, appraisement and disposal of public lands of the state on federal reclamation projects, defining the powers and duties of certain officers in relation thereto, authorizing the exchange of such lands for public lands of the United States, and providing that if any part of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, the remainder shall be unaffected thereby.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of public lands of the State of Washington is authorized to cooperate with the secretary of the interior of the United States with a view to facilitate the execution of plans approved by the secretary of the interior for subdivision and disposal of lands under federal reclamation projects constructed or to be constructed under the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat., 388) and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto in farm units bounded by lines considered more economical and convenient for irrigation and reclamation than the lines of legal
subdivisions and for such purpose is authorized to cause to be prepared and filed a plat or plats of any state lands in any such federal reclamation project showing said state lands subdivided into blocks, lots or farm units, with boundary lines other than those of legal subdivisions, and located with a view to greater convenience, economy or efficiency in irrigation and reclamation, and such subdivision into lots, blocks or farm units may be made in harmony with any general plan approved by the secretary of the interior for subdivision of the lands of any such federal reclamation project or any part or division of any such project into blocks, lots or farm units with boundary lines other than the boundary lines of legal subdivisions and designed for more convenient, economical or efficient reclamation and irrigation. And the commissioner of public lands is authorized to offer for sale and to sell such state lands, in the lots, blocks or farm units designated on such plat or plats instead of offering and selling the same in the legal subdivisions of the U. S. public land surveys.

Sec. 2. From and after the date that the consent of the United States shall be given thereto by Act of Congress, the said commissioner of public lands is authorized, upon request from the secretary of the interior, to cause an appraisal to be made by the board of state land commissioners of state lands in any division of any federal reclamation project which the secretary of the interior shall advise the commissioner of public lands that he desires to have subdivided into farm units of class referred to in section 1 of this act, and also to cause to be appraised by the board of state land commissioners such public lands of the United States on the same project, or elsewhere in the State of Washington, as the secretary of the interior may propose to ex-
change for such state land, and when the secretary of the interior shall have secured from Congress authority to make such exchange the commissioner of public lands is authorized to exchange such state lands in any federal reclamation project for public lands of the United States on the same project or elsewhere in the State of Washington of approximately equal appraised valuation, and in making such exchange is authorized to execute suitable instruments in writing conveying or relinquishing to the United States such state lands and accepting in lieu thereof such public land of approximately equal appraised valuation.

Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each declared to be separable from the remainder of the act, and, should either of said sections be held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of the act shall nevertheless remain effective and in such event such unconstitutional section shall be eliminated without affecting the remainder of the act.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1927.
Passed the House March 9, 1927.
Approved by the Governor March 19, 1927.

CHAPTER 247.
[S. B. 280.]

EXCHANGE WITH C. R. BEHME OF STATE LANDS FOR OTHER LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

An Act authorizing and directing the Governor to convey certain state lands in exchange for other land for state highway purposes.

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

Section 1. That the governor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to, in the name of the State of Washington, convey by quit-claim deed to C. R.