

amended by section 1 of chapter 89 of the Laws of 1937 (section 7676 of Remington's Revised Statutes), as amended by section 1 of this act, shall take effect as of January 1, 1939, except as to new industries classified for the first time as extra-hazardous.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately.

Passed the House March 7, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1939.

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## CHAPTER 139.

[H. B. 221.]

### INDEBTEDNESS OF EMPLOYER TO DECEASED EMPLOYEE.

AN ACT requiring an employer to pay, to certain persons, wages earned by a deceased employee prior to death.

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

SECTION 1. EMPLOYER DEFINED. For the purposes of this act the word "employer" shall include every person, firm, partnership, corporation, the State of Washington, and all municipal corporations. "Employer."

SEC. 2. If at the time of the death of any person, his employer is indebted to him for work, labor and services performed, and no executor or administrator of his estate has been appointed, such employer shall upon the request of the surviving spouse forthwith pay said indebtedness, in such an amount as may be due not exceeding the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), to the said surviving spouse or if the decedent leaves no surviving spouse, then to the child or children, or if no children, then to the father or mother of said decedent. The employer Payment of indebtedness to surviving spouse.

shall require proof of claimant's relationship to decedent by affidavit, and shall require claimant to acknowledge receipt of such payment in writing. Any payments made by an employer pursuant to the provisions of this act shall operate as a full and complete discharge of the employer's indebtedness to the extent of said payment, and no employer shall thereafter be liable therefor to the decedent's estate, or the decedent's executor or administrator thereafter appointed.

Passed the House March 8, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1939.

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## CHAPTER 140.

[H. B. 231.]

### WILD LIFE RESTORATION PROJECTS.

AN Act relating to wildlife and game; assenting to the purposes and provisions of that certain act of Congress entitled: "An act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in wildlife-restoration projects, and for other purposes," approved September 2, 1937, and empowering and directing the state department of game to establish and conduct wildlife-restoration projects; and providing that no funds accruing to the State of Washington from hunting license fees shall be diverted for any other purpose than the protection, propagation and restoration of wildlife and game and the expenses of administration of the state department of game.

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

Cooperative projects.

SECTION 1. The State of Washington hereby assents to the purposes and provisions of that certain Act of Congress entitled: "An act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in wildlife-restoration projects, and for other purposes," approved September 2, 1937 (Public, No. 415, 75th Congress), and the State Department of Game is hereby author-