

CHAPTER 154.

[H. B. 471.]

NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to public highways and motor vehicles and the operators thereof; providing for an offense of negligent operation; defining terms; amending chapter 189, Session Laws of 1937, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 118½; and declaring an emergency and that this act shall take effect the first day of April, 1939.

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

Adds § 118½
to ch. 189,
Laws 1937.

SECTION 1. That chapter 189, Session Laws of 1937, be and the same is hereby amended following section 118 and before section 119 thereof, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 118½, reading as follows:

Negligent
operation of
vehicles.

Section 118½. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in a negligent manner over and along the public highways of this state. For the purpose of this section to "operate in a negligent manner" shall be construed to mean the operation of a vehicle upon the public highways of this state in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any persons or property.

Operating
vehicle
in reckless
manner.

The offense of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner shall be considered to be a lesser offense than, but included in, the offense of operating a vehicle in a reckless manner, and any person charged with operating a vehicle in a reckless manner may be convicted of the lesser offense of operating a vehicle in a negligent manner. Any person violating the provisions of this section will be guilty of a misdemeanor: *Provided*, The Director of Licenses shall not revoke any license under this act.

Effective
date.

SEC. 2. That this act is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of this state and the support of the state government of the State of

Washington and its existing institutions, and shall take effect on the first day of April, 1939.

Passed the House March 3, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1939.

CHAPTER 155.

[H. B. 521.]

TAX UPON IMPROVEMENTS OWNED SEPARATELY FROM FEE.

AN ACT relating to taxation; authorizing the segregation and separate payment of tax upon improvements owned separately from the fee as a part of which they have been assessed; and prescribing the duties of certain county officers in connection therewith.

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

SECTION 1. In any case where buildings, structures or improvements are held in separate ownership from the fee as a part of which they have been assessed for the purpose of taxation, any person desiring to pay separately the tax upon the buildings, structures or improvements may do so under the provisions of this act.

Improvements owned separately from land, tax payments.

SEC. 2. Such person may apply to the county assessor for a certificate showing the total assessed value of the land together with all buildings, structures or improvements located thereon and the assessed value of the building, structure or improvement the tax upon which the applicant desires to pay. It shall be the duty of the county assessor to issue such certificate of segregation upon written application accompanied by an affidavit attesting to the fact of separate ownership of land and improvements. Upon presentation of such certificate of segregation to the county treasurer, that officer shall

Certificate of segregation.