CHAPTER 135.
[S. S. B. 186.]

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND.

An Act relating to the Highway Equipment Fund and amend-
ing section 10, chapter 144, Laws of 1935 (section 6600-1c, Remington's Revised Statutes, Volume 7A), and declaring
that this act shall take effect April 1, 1943.

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

Amendments.

SECTION 1. Section 10, chapter 144, Laws of 1935
(section 6600-1c, Remington's Revised Statutes, Vol-
ume 7A) is amended to read as follows:

Section 10. There is hereby created in the state
treasury a state fund to be known as the "Highway
Equipment Fund," the same to be used by the De-
partment of Highways as a revolving fund to be
expended for salaries, wages and operations required
for the repair, replacement, purchase and operation
of equipment and for purchase of equipment,
materials and supplies to be used as follows: (1)
In the administration and operation of this fund; (2)
In the administration, maintenance and construction
of highways and highway facilities; and (3) For the
operation by the Department of Highways of an
automobile pool of state owned vehicles.

The Highway Equipment Fund shall be credited,
in the case of equipment, with a reasonable rental
assessed upon the use of such equipment by the
various state departments, and in the case of ma-
terials and supplies, with a reasonable charge for
such materials and supplies. Such credit for rental
and charges for materials and supplies shall be
charged against the proper appropriation therefor.

Equipment may be rented and materials and sup-
plies may be sold out of this fund to any Federal,
state, county or city political subdivision or gov-
ernmental agency. The terms and charges for such
rental and the prices for such sale shall be solely
within the discretion of the Director of Highways and his determination of the charge for rental or sale price shall be considered a reasonable rental charge or a reasonable sale price. Any political subdivision or governmental agency shall make payment for such rental or for purchase of such materials or supplies directly to the Highway Equipment Fund at the office of the Director of Highways of the State of Washington at Olympia.

Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1943.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1943.
Passed the House March 10, 1943.
Approved by the Governor March 18, 1943.

CHAPTER 136.
[S. B. 191.]

PORT DISTRICTS.
An Act relating to port districts; permitting Port Commissions to contract with certain other public bodies without requiring performance bonds.

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

Section 1. Port districts may enter into leases and contracts of every kind and nature with the United States of America or any of its departments, the State of Washington or any of its departments, or its political subdivisions or with any municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation of the State of Washington, without requiring said port district or public bodies to provide bonds to secure the performance thereof. All such leases or contracts heretofore entered into are hereby ratified.

Passed the Senate February 20, 1943.
Passed the House March 10, 1943.
Approved by the Governor March 18, 1943.