Effective immediately.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 30, 1945.
Passed the House February 13, 1945.
Approved by the Governor February 17, 1945.

CHAPTER 9.
[H. B. 34.]

CONTROL OF INSECT PESTS AND PLANT DISEASES.

An Act to prevent the introduction of insect pests and plant diseases and to control and/or eradicate insect pests and plant diseases in the State of Washington; authorizing the Director of Agriculture to acquire property for certain designated uses; validating certain proceedings heretofore had and done by the Director of Agriculture and/or the Division of Horticulture; to establish a system of certifying nursery stock; prescribing the duties of certain officials; repealing chapter 11, Laws of 1941 (sections 2787-2 and 2787-3, Rem. Supp. 1941, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 635-103), and chapter 13, Laws of 1943 (section 2787-1a to section 2787-4a, both inclusive, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 254n-51 to 55); making an appropriation, and providing that this act shall take effect April 1, 1945.

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

SECTION 1. The Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington, and the Supervisor of Horticulture of the Department of Agriculture of the
State of Washington, are authorized and empowered to apply such quarantine control methods as may be necessary to prevent the introduction of insect pests or plant diseases that may be destructive to the agricultural or horticultural industries of the State of Washington, and to apply such methods as may be necessary for quarantine, and/or eradication, and/or control of insect pests or plant diseases that are now established or later become established in the State of Washington that may seriously endanger the agricultural or horticultural industries of the State of Washington.

Sec. 2. The Director of Agriculture and the Supervisor of Horticulture are authorized to cooperate with any individual, group of citizens, municipalities and counties of the State of Washington, the State College of Washington or any of its experiment stations, and/or with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States and such agencies as the secretary may designate, and/or with any other state or states, agency or group the Director of Agriculture may designate, to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. The Director of Agriculture shall have the power and authority to acquire in fee or in trust, by gift, or, whenever funds are appropriated for such purpose, by purchase, easement, lease or condemnation, such lands or other property, water supplies, and rights of way therefor, and the maintenance of same, as may be deemed necessary for the use of the Department of Agriculture in establishing quarantine stations, and/or farms for the purpose of the prevention, eradication, elimination and control of insect pests or plant diseases that infect the agricultural or horticultural products of the State of Washington.

Sec. 4. The Director of Agriculture is authorized to enter into agreements with individuals, associa-
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Agreements with others.

In addition to agreements and companies for the purpose of certifying nursery stock grown under the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Agriculture and, from time to time, to fix, change and adjust fees for such services rendered, and any agricultural and horticultural commodities incidentally produced in any operation hereunder and sold, said fees to be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund. All actions of the Director of Agriculture and/or the Department of Agriculture in accepting deeds from any individual or group of individuals for any of the purposes heretofore specifically enumerated are, from the date of the acceptance of such deed, hereby ratified and validated.

Sec. 5. The Director of Agriculture, acting by and through the Supervisor of Horticulture of the State of Washington, may, in his discretion, provide funds for technical or scientific services, labor, materials and supplies for the purposes specified in sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Repeals.

Sec. 6. Chapter 11, Laws of 1941 (sections 2787-2 and 2787-3, Rem. Supp. 1941, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 635-103) and chapter 13, Laws of 1943 (section 2787-1a to section 2787-4a, both inclusive, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 254n-51 to 55) are hereby repealed.

Appropria-
tion.

Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund of the state treasury for the Department of Agriculture to be used by the Division of Horticulture, State Department of Agriculture, for the purposes specified in this act.

Effective immediately.

Sec. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the immediate support of the state govern-
ment and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1945.

Passed the House February 6, 1945.
Passed the Senate February 21, 1945.
Approved by the Governor February 28, 1945.

CHAPTER 10.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND.

An Act authorizing Volunteer Firemen in fire protection districts and in water districts, to participate in the Volunteer Firemen's Relief and Compensation Fund, and prescribing the duties of Fire Commissioners in fire protection districts, and of Water Commissioners in water districts; and amending sections 1 and 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1943 (sections 5654-152 and 5654-153, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 540-121, 540-123).

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

SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 137, Laws of 1943 (sections 5654-152, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 540-121), be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Fire protection districts organized under chapter 34, Laws of 1939, as amended by chapter 70, Laws of 1941 (sections 5654-102 to 5654-109, both inclusive, 5654-111 to 5654-116, both inclusive, 5654-118, 5654-119, 5654-121 to 5654-137, both inclusive, 5654-140 to 5654-151, both inclusive, Remington's Revised Statutes, Supplement, and sections 5654-101, 5654-110, 5654-116a, 5654-117, 5654-120, 5654-138 and 5654-139, Rem. Supp. 1941; sections 2409-51 to 2409-101, Pierce's Code), and water districts organized under chapter 114, Laws of 1929, as amended by chapter 71, Laws of 1931, and chapter 177, Laws of 1943 (sections 11579-11604, both inclu-