CITIES AND TOWNS—DESTRUCTION OF WEEDS AND VEGETABLE AND HORTICULTURAL GROWTHS.

An Act relating to cities and towns; granting powers to require or effect removal of certain weeds and vegetable and horticultural growths and providing a method for enforcing and collecting the costs of removal if done by the city or town.

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

SECTION 1. Any city or town may by general ordinance require the owner of any property therein to remove or destroy all trees, plants, shrubs or vegetation, or parts thereof, which overhang any sidewalk or street or which are growing thereon in such manner as to obstruct or impair the free and full use of the sidewalk or street by the public; and may further so require the owner of any property therein to remove or destroy all grass, weeds, shrubs, bushes, trees or vegetation growing or which has grown and died upon property owned or occupied by them and which are a fire hazard or a menace to public health, safety or welfare. The ordinance shall require the proceedings therefor to be initiated by a resolution of the governing body of the city or town, adopted after not less than five (5) days’ notice to the owner, which shall describe the property involved and the hazardous condition, and require the owner to make such removal or destruction after notice given as required by said ordinance. The ordinance may provide that if such removal or destruction is not made by the owner after notice given as required by the ordinance in any of the above cases, that the city or town will cause the removal or destruction thereof and may also provide that the cost to the city or town shall become a charge against the owner of the property and a lien against the property. Notice of the lien
herein authorized shall as nearly as practicable be in substantially the same form, filed with the same officer within the same time and manner, and enforced and foreclosed as is provided by law for liens for labor and material.

The provisions of this act are supplemental and additional to any other powers granted or held by any city or town on the same or a similar subject.

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CHAPTER 114.
[ H. B. 162. ]

VETERANS' INSTITUTIONS—HOBBY PROMOTION AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

AN ACT relating to hobby promotion and occupational therapy at veterans' institutions.

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

SECTION 1. The Superintendent of the Washington Veterans' Home and the Superintendent of the State Soldiers' Home and Colony is hereby authorized to:

(a) Institute programs of occupational therapy and hobby promotion designed to improve the general welfare and mental condition of the persons under his supervision;

(b) Provide for the financing of these programs by loans from funds in the Superintendent's custody through operation of canteens and exchanges at such institutions;

(c) Limit the hobbies and occupational therapy sponsored to projects which will, in his judgment, be self-liquidating or self-sustaining.

Sec. 2. The Superintendent of each institution referred to in section 1 may purchase, from the appro-