county, city, town or municipality therein, or by any department of them, or either of them;

(d) Vehicles specially constructed for towing disabled vehicles or wrecking and not otherwise used in transporting goods for compensation;

(e) Motor vehicles owned and operated by farmers in the transportation of their own farm, orchard or dairy products from point of production to market, or in the infrequent or seasonal transportation by one farmer for another in his immediate neighborhood of products of the farm, orchard or dairy, or of supplies or commodities to be used on the farm, orchard or dairy.

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

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CHAPTER 134.
[ H. B. 330. ]

VETERANS—COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

AN ACT relating to veteran preference in competitive examinations; and amending section 1, chapter 189, Laws of 1945.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 189, Laws of 1945, as amended (sec. 9963-5, Rem. Supp. 1947), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided herein, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public offices, positions or employment, the State of Washington, and
all of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, shall give a preference status to all veterans, as herein defined, of all wars in which the United States of America has been, now is or may hereafter be engaged, by adding to the mark, grade or rating, based upon a possible rating of one hundred (100) points as perfect, ten per cent (10%) to his final earned test rating: Provided, That he has received a minimum passing grade in such examination. The term "veteran" as herein used, shall include every person who has served, now is serving, or may hereafter serve in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during any such war and, upon termination of the service, has received an honorable discharge, or a physical discharge with an honorable record, or has been relieved of active services under honorable circumstances. The provisions of this act shall not be applicable to promotional examinations to determine the qualifications of officers or employees for promotion from a lower grade position to a higher grade position: Provided, That when such a veteran was employed in public service at the time of his entry into military service and returns to the same employment, he shall be entitled to the preference herein provided for on his first promotional examination.

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