

partment, shall make the inspection with the state fire marshal or his deputy and they shall jointly approve the premises before a full license can be issued.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 10. Section 18.51.080, RCW, as derived from section 9, chapter 117, Laws of 1951, is repealed.

Emergency.

SEC. 11. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1953.

Passed the House March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.

CHAPTER 161.

[S. B. 99.]

EMERGENCY VEHICLES—WARNING LIGHTS AND SIGNS.

AN ACT relating to fire department vehicles and private cars of emergency workers; and defining crimes.

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

Fire department vehicles; lighting requirements.

SECTION 1. All fire department vehicles in service shall be identified by red lights of an intermittent flashing type, visible from both front and rear for a distance of five hundred feet under normal atmospheric conditions. Such red flashing lights shall be well separated from the headlights so that they will not black out when headlights are on. Such red flashing lights shall be in operation at all times when such vehicle is on emergency status.

SEC. 2. Firemen, when approved by the chief of their respective service, shall be authorized to use a blue light on the front of their private cars when

on emergency duty only. Such blue light shall be visible for a distance of two hundred feet under normal atmospheric conditions and shall be of a type and mounting approved by the commission on equipment.

Firemen's private cars; lighting authorized.

SEC. 3.

(1) No private vehicle, bearing a sign or plate indicating a fire department connection, shall be driven or operated on any public highway, except when the owner thereof is a bona fide member of a fire department.

Private vehicles with fire department identification; owner must be member.

(2) Any sign or plate indicating fire department connection on a private car of any member of a fire department shall include the name of the municipality or fire department organization to which the owner belongs.

Same; name of organization.

SEC. 4.

(1) Any individual displaying a blue light as authorized in section 2 of this act, or a sign or plate as authorized in section 3 of this act, shall also carry attached to a convenient location on the private vehicle to which the blue light or sign or plate is attached, an identification card showing the name of the owner of said vehicle, the organization to which he or she belongs and bearing the signature of the chief of the service involved.

Same; identification card.

(2) The operator of any funeral coach shall be authorized to display a blue light of the type specified in section 2 of this act on the front of such coach when engaged in answering a call of an accidental or emergency nature.

Funeral coaches.

SEC. 5. Every violation of this act is a misdemeanor.

Penalty.

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