sections thereof, to be posted or designated by appropriate signs including charges fixed for such towing service.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1955.
Passed the House March 6, 1955.
Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 173.
[S. B. 272.]

LABOR AND INDUSTRIES—INSPECTIONS BY SAFETY DIVISION.

AN ACT relating to the duties of the director of labor and industries; amending section 80, chapter 7, Laws of 1921 and RCW 43.22.050; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 80, chapter 7, Laws of 1921 and RCW 43.22.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The director of labor and industries, through the division of safety, shall:

(1) Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed by law in relation to the inspection of factories, mills, workshops, storehouses, warehouses, stores and buildings, and the machinery and apparatus therein contained, and steam vessels, and other vessels operated by machinery, and in relation to the administration and enforcement of all laws and safety standards providing for the protection of employees in mills, factories, workshops, and in employments subject to the provisions of Title 51, and in relation to the enforcement, inspection, certification, and promulgation of safe places and safety device standards in all industries: Provided, however, This section shall not apply to railroads;

(2) Exercise all the powers and perform all the
duties prescribed by law in relation to the inspection of tracks, bridges, structures, machinery, equipment, and apparatus of street railways, gas plants, electrical plants, water systems, telephone lines, telegraph lines, and other public utilities, with respect to the safety of employees, and the administration and enforcement of all laws providing for the protection of employees of street railways, gas plants, electrical plants, water systems, telephone lines, telegraph lines, and other public utilities;

(3) Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed by law in relation to the enforcement, amendment, alteration, change, and making additions to, rules and regulations concerning the operation, placing, erection, maintenance, and use of electrical apparatus, and the construction thereof.

(4) Have charge and supervision of the inspection of hotels as provided by law.

Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1955.
Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 174.
[S. B. 278.]

HIGHWAYS—CLOSURE OF CAMAS SLOUGH.

An Act relating to highways; authorizing closure of Camas Slough, near Camas, Washington, for highway purposes.

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

SECTION 1. The Washington state highway commission is hereby authorized for highway purposes to close off by fill or embankment all water transporta-