CHAPTER 171.

[ H. B. 315. ]

COMMERCIAL FISHING—LICENSED DISTRICTS—GEAR REGULATION.

An Act relating to food fish and shellfish; adding four new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.28 RCW; amending section 75.28.380, chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and RCW 75.23.380; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The following licensing districts are hereby created:

(1) Puget Sound licensing districts shall include those waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Georgia Strait, Puget Sound, and all bays, inlets, canals, coves, sounds and estuaries lying inside, easterly and southerly of the international boundary line and a line at the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca projected northerly from Cape Flattery to Bonilla Point on Vancouver Island.

(2) Grays Harbor licensing district shall include those waters of Grays Harbor and tributary estuaries lying inside and easterly of a line projected northerly from Point Chehalis Light to Point Brown.

(3) Willapa Bay licensing district shall include those waters of Willapa Bay and tributary estuaries lying inside and easterly of a line projected northerly from Leadbetter Point to Cape Shoalwater Light.

(4) Columbia River licensing district shall include those waters of the Columbia River and tributary sloughs and estuaries lying inside and easterly of a line at the entrance to the Columbia River projected southerly from the most westerly point of the North jetty to the most westerly point of the South jetty.
Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A separate gear license, as provided in this chapter, for a gill net, a drag seine, a purse seine, a reel or drum purse seine, or a reef net, and a separate vessel license, as provided in RCW 75.28.100, for a commercial fishing vessel shall be required in each licensing district when such gear and vessel are used for lawful fishing for salmon therein. The gear and vessel license fees for such fishing in one district only shall be in the amounts as set forth in this chapter. Such license fees for such fishing in more than one district shall be, in each such additional district, three times the amounts required for fishing in one district only: Provided, That additional licenses shall not be required for fishing in more than one district for species of fish other than salmon.

Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Applications accompanied by the prescribed fees for the licenses required in section 2 herein shall be made, in person or postmarked, not later than midnight of December 31st, preceding the year in which the license is to be effective, except that applications for such licenses for 1957 shall be made in such manner not later than midnight of May 15, 1957: Provided, That applications for licenses for troll lines and vessels on which they are used for fishing for salmon shall be subject to the provisions of this section, except such applications by nonresident trollers who do not take salmon within the territorial waters of the state: And provided further, That all persons holding previously issued 1957 gear and vessel licenses named in section 2 herein and used for fishing for salmon are subject to the provisions of this act, and such persons may, not later than May
15, 1957, either surrender such licenses and have the fees refunded, or they shall by such date declare to the director the licensing district or area where such licenses are to be used and the vessel on which the gear is to be used.

Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and to chapter 75.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Each gear license required in section 2 herein shall be issued for use on a specific licensed vessel, or in a reef net fishing area described in RCW 75.12-140, and for use in a specific licensing district, and such gear license shall not be transferable for use on another vessel or in another area or district: Provided, That if such specific vessel becomes destroyed or otherwise rendered incapable of being operated as a fishing vessel, such gear license may, with the approval of the director, be transferred for use on another specific licensed vessel.

Sec. 5. Section 75.28.380, chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and RCW 75.28.380 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon conviction of any person of a violation of any provision of this title, or rule or regulation of the director, the judge or justice of the peace may, in addition to the penalty imposed by law, forfeit the license of such person: Provided, That upon conviction of any person of a violation of any statute or regulation prescribing the length, depth or construction of fishing gear, or upon subsequent conviction of any person of any violation of any other provisions of this title or rule or regulation of the director, the forfeiture of such license shall be mandatory, and the license shall remain forfeited pending any appeal. The director may prohibit the issuance of a license to any person convicted two or more times of any such violation or prescribe the conditions under which the license may be issued.

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Sec. 6. 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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Passed the Senate March 12, 1957.
Approved by the Governor March 21, 1957.

CHAPTER 172.
[H. B. 627.]

HIGHWAYS.

An Act relating to highways and the operation of vehicles thereon; describing powers and duties of the Washington state highway commission, the Washington state toll bridge authority, and the interim committees on highways, streets and bridges; establishing and designating certain highways; providing for surveys and studies of proposed highway additions and proposed toll facilities; prescribing fees for certain motor vehicles; amending section 1, chapter 190, Laws of 1937 and RCW 47.16.010, section 1, chapter 280, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.16.080, section 12, chapter 247, Laws of 1951 and RCW 43.27.180, section 1, chapter 136, Laws of 1941 and RCW 47.16.110, sections 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 17, 20, 21, 24, 33 and 38, chapter 383, Laws of 1955 and RCW 47.16.140, 47.16.190, 47.20.010, 47.20.030, 47.20.060, 47.20.110, 47.20.170, 47.20.180, 47.20.210, 47.20.320, and 47.20.380, section 7, chapter 239, Laws of 1943, as amended by section 6, chapter 280, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.20.130 through 47.20.160, section 12, chapter 207, Laws of 1937, as amended by section 9, chapter 239, Laws of 1943, and section 10, chapter 273, Laws of 1951, section 11, chapter 280, Laws of 1953 and section 2, chapter 285, Laws of 1953 and RCW 47.20.410, 47.20.420 and 47.20.430, and section 9, chapter 254, Laws of 1953, as amended by section 26, chapter 384, Laws of 1955 (uncodified), and adding three new sections to RCW 47.20; making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Washington state highway act of 1957.