NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:
(1) Section 2, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.020;
(2) Section 3, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.030;
(3) Section 4, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.040;
(4) Section 5, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.050;
(5) Section 6, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.060;
(6) Section 7, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.070;
(7) Section 8, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.080;
(8) Section 9, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.090;
(9) Section 10, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.100;
(10) Section 11, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.110; and
(11) Section 12, chapter 191, Laws of 1953 and RCW 6.36.120.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 3 of this 1977 act shall each be added to chapter 6.36 RCW.

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CHAPTER 46
[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2125]
RAILROAD BRIDGES AND TRESTLES—WALKWAYS AND HANDRAILS
AN ACT Relating to railway bridges; and amending section 81.44.020, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.44.020.

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

Section 1. Section 81.44.020, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.44.020 are each amended to read as follows:

If upon investigation the commission shall find that the equipment or appliances in connection therewith, or the apparatus, tracks, bridges or other structures of any common carrier are defective, and that the operation thereof is dangerous to the employees of such common carrier or to the public, it shall immediately give notice to the superintendent or other officer of such common carrier of the repairs or reconstruction necessary to place the same in a safe condition, and may also prescribe the rate of speed for trains or cars passing over such dangerous or defective track, bridge or other structure until the repairs or reconstruction required are made, and may also prescribe the time within which the same shall be made. Or if, in its opinion, it is needful or proper, it may forbid the running of trains or cars over any defective track, bridge or structure until the same be repaired and placed in a safe condition. Failure of a railroad bridge or trestle to be equipped with walkways and handrails may be identified as an unsafe or defective condition under this section after hearing had by the commission upon complaint or on its own motion. The commission in making such determination shall balance considerations of employee
and public safety with the potential for increased danger to the public resulting from adding such walkways or handrails to railway bridges: PROVIDED, That a railroad company shall not be liable for injury to or death of any person occurring on or about any railway bridge or trestle if such person was not a railway employee but was a trespasser or was otherwise not authorized to be in the location where such injury or death occurred.

There shall be no appeal from or action to review any order of the commission made under the provisions of this section if the commission finds that immediate compliance is necessary for the protection of employees or the public.

Passed the Senate March 25, 1977.
Passed the House May 13, 1977.
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CHAPTER 47
[Senate Bill No. 2180]
WATER COMPANIES

AN ACT Relating to water companies; and amending section 80.04.010, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 59, Laws of 1963 and RCW 80.04.010.

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

Section 1. Section 80.04.010, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 59, Laws of 1963 and RCW 80.04.010 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this title, unless specifically defined otherwise or unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Commission" means the utilities and transportation commission.

"Commissioner" means one of the members of such commission.

"Corporation" includes a corporation, company, association or joint stock association.

"Person" includes an individual, a firm or copartnership.

"Gas plant" includes all real estate, fixtures and personal property, owned, leased, controlled, used or to be used for or in connection with the transmission, distribution, sale or furnishing of natural gas, or the manufacture, transmission, distribution, sale or furnishing of other type gas, for light, heat or power.

"Gas company" includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receiver appointed by any court whatsoever, and every city or town, owning, controlling, operating or managing any gas plant within this state.

"Electric plant" includes all real estate, fixtures and personal property operated, owned, used or to be used for or in connection with or to facilitate the generation, transmission, distribution, sale or furnishing of electricity for light, heat, or power for hire; and any conduits, ducts or other devices, materials, apparatus or property for containing, holding or carrying conductors used or to be used for the transmission of electricity for light, heat or power.

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