

CHAPTER 134.

[H. B. 356.]

FOREST FIRE HAZARDS.

AN ACT relating to forest fire hazards, providing for their abatement and the recovery of the costs thereof, and amending Section 5807 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, and repealing Section 5792 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That section 5807 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 5807. Any land in the State of Washington covered wholly or in part by inflammable debris created by logging or other forest operations, land clearing, and/or right of way clearing and which by reason of such condition is likely to further the spread of fire and thereby endanger life or property, shall, if so declared by the supervisor of forestry, constitute a fire hazard and the owner or owners thereof and the person, firm or corporation responsible for its existence, if such be not the owner, are required to abate such hazard under the general direction of the supervisor of forestry. Notice of the existence of such hazard and requirement for its abatement, within such time as the supervisor of forestry shall determine, shall be given the owner and/or person, firm or corporation responsible for its existence by mailing a written notice to such owner or person, firm or corporation at the address as shown on the last tax rolls of the county treasurer of the county in which such lands are located; and if no such address is shown the notice shall be posted in three conspicuous places on the property in the vicinity of the hazard. Nothing in this section shall apply to lands for which a certificate of clearance, under section 2 of chapter 223 of the Laws of 1927, has been issued.

Amends
§ 5807 Rem.
Comp. Stat.

Inflammable
debris con-
stitutes fire
hazard.

Notice to
owner.

Mailing.

Posted.

Failure to
abate.

Supervisor
may abate.

Cost re-
covered.

If the owner or person, firm or corporation responsible for the existence of any such hazard shall refuse, neglect or fail to abate such hazard as required by such notice, the state supervisor of forestry may summarily cause it to be abated and the cost thereof and of any patrol or fire fighting made necessary by such hazard may be recovered from said person, firm or corporation responsible therefor or from the owner of the land on which such hazard existed by an action for debt and said costs shall also be a lien upon said land and may be enforced in the same manner, with the same effect and by the same agencies as the lien provided for in section 5806.

Repeals
§ 5792 Rem.
Comp. Stat.

SEC. 2. That section 5792 of Remington's Compiled Statutes is hereby repealed.

Passed the House March 1, 1929.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1929.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1929.

CHAPTER 135.

[H. B. 379.]

INHERITANCE TAXES.

AN ACT relating to taxation of inheritances and ascertaining, determining, and collecting such tax and providing for certain exemptions from such tax.

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

SECTION 1. That the proceeds of all life insurance policies, hereafter or heretofore paid to beneficiaries, except where the estate of the deceased insured, is the beneficiary, shall be exempt from inheritance tax, so long as the state collects, for the general fund, a tax on the premiums paid for such life insurance.

Life insur-
ance pro-
ceeds ex-
empt.