

CHAPTER LXXXIII.

[S. B. No. 268.]

RELATING TO MONUMENTS AND NOTICES ON MINING CLAIMS.

AN ACT entitled "An act to prevent the destruction, mutilation or defacement of land marks, monuments and notices upon mining claims, and providing a penalty therefor."

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

SECTION 1. Any person who shall willfully and maliciously deface, remove, injure or destroy any location stake, side post, corner post, land mark or monument, or any other land boundary monument, the same having been erected or implanted for the purpose of designating the location, boundary or name of any mining claim, lode or vein of mineral, or for posting the name of the discoverer, locator or owner or date of discovery thereon; or any person who shall so deface, obliterate, remove or destroy any notice having been placed or posted upon any mining claim for the purpose of marking or identifying the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year: *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this act shall not apply to abandoned mining claims.

SEC. 2. An emergency exists, and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1897.

Passed the House March 11, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1897.