

TAX COMMISSION.

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| Salaries and miscellaneous expense of commission- ers | \$6,000 00 | Tax Com- mission. |
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This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and the support of the state government, and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1915. Emergency.

Passed the House March 2, 1915.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1915, except amounts marked "Vetoed" opposite each item.

CHAPTER 57.

[S. H. B. 192.]

MOTOR VEHICLES AS PASSENGER CARRIERS IN CITIES OF FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT relating to and regulating common carriers of passengers upon public streets, roads and highways, providing for the issuance of permits; prescribing penalties for violations, and providing when this act shall take effect.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, other than a steam, street or interurban railway company to engage in or carry on the business of carrying or transporting passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle along any public street, road or highway, within the corporate limits of any city of the first class, without having first obtained a permit so to do as hereinafter provided: *Provided*, That any street or interurban railway or other transportation company engaging in the business of transporting passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle except street cars along any public street, road or highway in this state, shall come under the provisions of this act: *Provided, further*, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to carriers of U. S. Mail.

Permits for automobiles as passenger carriers.

Secretary
of state
to issue.

SEC. 2. Every person, firm or corporation other than a steam, street or interurban railway company, desiring to engage in the business of carrying or transporting passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle over or along any public street, road or highway in any city of the first class and every street or interurban railway or other transportation company desiring to engage in the business of transporting passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle except street cars, shall apply to the secretary of state for a permit so to do, and such applicant for each motor vehicle intended to be so operated shall deposit and keep on file with the secretary of state a bond running to the State of Washington in the penal sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, with good and sufficient surety company licensed to do business in this state as surety to be approved by the secretary of state, conditioned for the faithful compliance by the principal of said bond with the provisions of this act and to pay all damages which may be sustained by any person injured by reason of any careless, negligent or unlawful act on the part of said principal, his agents or employes in the conduct of said business or in the operation of any motor propelled vehicle used in transporting passengers for hire over or along any public street, road or highway, and shall pay to the secretary of state a fee of five dollars and thereupon such license shall be issued to the applicant.

Security
bond
required.

License fee.

Rights of
action for
personal
injuries.

SEC. 3. Every person injured by any careless, negligent or unlawful act of any person, firm or corporation receiving a permit under the provisions of this act, or his, their, or its agents; or employes in conducting or carrying on said business or in operating any motor propelled vehicle used for the carrying and transporting of passengers over and along any public street, road or highway, and his heirs, executors and administrators shall have a cause of action against the principal and surety upon the bond provided for in the preceding section for all damages sustained and in any such action the full amount of damages sustained may be recovered against the principal, but the recovery

against the surety shall be limited to the amount of the bond and a surviving husband and child or children or if no husband, then the child or children shall have action for the death of the wife or mother caused by any such negligence.

SEC. 4. Every person, firm or corporation, other than a steam, street or interurban railway company, engaging in the business of carrying or transporting any passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle along or over any public street, road or highway or carrying or transporting any passengers for hire along or over any public street, road or highway in any city of the first class, and every street or interurban railway or transportation company engaging in the business of transporting passengers for hire in any motor propelled vehicle except street cars, without having first obtained and having a permit so to do as in this act provided shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Penalty for operating without permit.

SEC. 5. If any part of this act be held invalid by any court, the remainder of this act shall nevertheless be valid.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and shall take effect April 10th, 1915.

Emergency.

Passed the House March 1, 1915.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1915.

Vetoed by the Governor, March 11, 1915.

Passed over the Governor's veto, March 11, 1915.