

state, county, city, town, school district or other public corporation, shall be valued at the same rate as assessed property similarly situated.

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CHAPTER 99.

[H. B. 174.]

FOREST PROTECTION.

AN ACT relating to the protection of forests; providing for the prevention and suppression of fires; and amending section 3, chapter 105, Laws of 1917, as amended by section 2, chapter 152, Laws of 1937 (section 5806, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 575-77).

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

SECTION 1. That section 3, chapter 105, Laws of 1917, as amended by section 2, chapter 152, Laws of 1937 (section 5806, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 575-77), be amended to read as follows:

Amendments.

Section 3. Any fire on any forest land in the State of Washington burning uncontrolled and without proper action being taken to prevent its spread, notwithstanding the origin of such fire, is hereby declared a public nuisance by reason of its menace to life or property. The owner, operator and/or person in possession of land, on which a fire exists, or from which it may have spread, or either or any of them, notwithstanding the origin or subsequent spread thereof on his own or other land, hereby is required to make every reasonable effort to control and extinguish such fire immediately after receiving written notice to do so from the forester, or a warden, or ranger; and if such owner, operator and/or person in possession shall refuse,

Owner or operator of land required to control fires.

neglect or fail to do so, the supervisor of forestry or any fire warden or forest ranger acting with his authority shall summarily abate the nuisance thus constituted by controlling or extinguishing the fire and the cost thereof may be recovered from such owner, operator and/or person in possession of land and, if the work is performed on the property of the offender, shall also constitute a lien upon said property and/or chattels under his ownership. Such lien may be filed by the Supervisor of Forestry in the office of the county auditor and foreclosed in the manner provided by law for the foreclosure of liens for labor and material. It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney for the county to bring such action for debt, or to foreclose such lien, upon the request of the supervisor of forestry.

Costs may be recovered.

Lien.

Fire in logging operation.

When a fire occurs in a logging operation, such fire shall be fought to the full limit of available employees, as may be necessary, and such fire fighting shall be continued with the necessary crews in such numbers as are, in the opinion of the state forester, or his authorized deputies, sufficient to bring such fire to a patrol basis, and such fire shall not be left without such fire fighting crew or fire patrol until authority so to do has been granted in writing by the supervisor of forestry, or his authorized deputies.

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