

CHAPTER XXXV.

[H. B. No. 188.]

SAFETY APPLIANCES ON RAILROAD SWITCHES, ETC.

AN ACT requiring persons, railroad companies or corporations to so adjust, fill, block and securely guard the frogs, switches and guard rails on their roads as to protect and prevent injury to employes and other persons, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Any person or persons, railroad companies or corporations, owning or operating a railroad or railroads in this state, shall be and are hereby required on or before the first day of October, 1899, to so adjust, fill, block and securely guard the frogs, switches and guard rails on their roads as to protect and prevent the feet of employes and other persons from being caught therein.

Railroads to provide guards for switches, frogs, etc.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons, railroad companies or corporations owning or operating a railroad or railroads in this state, shall be liable for any damage received from a failure to comply with the provisions of this act; such damages to be recovered by the parties entitled to recover as provided in sections 137, 138 and 139 of volume 2 of Hill's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, being sections 4827, 4828 and 4829, Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Injured persons may recover for damages resulting from failure.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons, railroad companies or corporations, owning or operating any railroad in this state, failing to comply with the provisions of this act within the time limited, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars.

Penalty for non-compliance.

Passed the House February 9, 1899.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1899.

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