

exists, and this act shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 10, 1891.

CHAPTER CLXI.

[H. B. No. 83.]

REGULATING SCREENING AND WEIGHING OF COAL.

AN ACT concerning the screening and weighing of coal.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any mine owner, lessee or operator of coal mines in the State of Washington employing miners at bushel or ton rates, or other quantity, to pass the out-put of coal mined by said miners over any screen or other device which shall take any part from the value thereof before the same shall have been weighed and duly credited to the employé sending the same to the surface, and accounted for at the legal rate of weights as fixed by the laws of the State of Washington.

SEC. 2. The weighman employed at any mine shall subscribe an oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, to do justice between employer and employé, and weigh the out-put of coal from the mines as herein provided. The miners employed by or engaged in working for any mine owner, operator or lessee, or any mine in this state, shall have the privilege, if they desire, of employing at their own expense a check-weighman who shall have like rights, powers and privileges in the weighing of coal as the regular weighman and be subject to the same oath and penalties as the regular weighman. Said oath or affirmation shall be kept conspicuously posted in the weigh office, and any weigher of coal, or any person so employed, who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be pun-

Oath of weighman.

Rights of employes.

ished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, proceedings to be instituted in any court having jurisdiction therein.

Approved March 16, 1891.