

CHAPTER 218.

[S. B. 298.]

DEPARTMENT OF GAME—LEGISLATIVE INTERIM
COMMITTEE.

AN ACT relating to the Department of Game and to the State Game Commission; providing for the appointment of a legislative interim committee and prescribing its powers and duties; making an appropriation; repealing chapter 165, Laws of 1943; and declaring an emergency.

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

Policy.

SECTION 1. The successful policies of the state with respect to game management have resulted in seasonal deer and elk concentrations within certain agricultural and horticultural areas of the state, giving rise to numerous damage inflictions upon cultivated agricultural and horticultural crops, for which no adequate mode of relief or prevention has been provided. The public has evidenced popular favor of an abundant supply of all species of wild life and will not be subserved by retrenching in the matter of wild life conservation or propagation. It appears to be the consensus of the many diversified and interested groups who have express[ed] opinions on the problem that prevention of damage by wild life rather than compensation for damage after it has occurred is the most practical, equitable and economically sound method of solution. The limited data and information available on the aggregate damage sustained to personal property and crops by reason of the increased abundance of game life within the state and because of the limited sums of money available in the State Game Fund, the varied sources from which such money is derived, and because of the complications involved and the inequities to certain classes of license holders that would result in attaching responsibility for any or all game damage claims to existing game funds, it appears that the only fair and satisfactory solution to the

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problem that exists can be arrived at only by a further study and survey and an unbiased approach to the entire game damage situation.

SEC. 2. The President of the Senate is hereby empowered to appoint three (3) Senate members, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby empowered to appoint three (3) House members, who are hereby authorized and empowered to seek advice from all interested parties and to investigate the existing game problems in relation to all ramifications involved as to the points contained herein, and all activities of the State Game Department with power to investigate all records, books and accounts therein and with power to subpoena witnesses, and to make a mutual report, including therein recommendations for legislation for consideration by the 1947 legislative session, and to employ such clerical assistance as is necessary to carry out the intent of this act.

Membership
of
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Committee.

SEC. 3. The members of said Committee shall be entitled to their actual travel, lodging and subsistence expenses while absent from their usual place of residence in the service of the state in attendance at meetings of the Committee and for traveling to and from such meetings, the same to be paid upon their individual vouchers.

Expenses.

SEC. 4. There is hereby appropriated from the State Game Fund the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. Chapter 165, Laws of 1943, is hereby repealed.

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repealed.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace and safety, and for

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the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1945.

Passed the House March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 219.

[S. B. 12.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND.

AN ACT relating to workmen's compensation and medical aid; establishing a second-injury fund and prescribing the purpose for which the same may be used; making an appropriation thereto, and amending section 4-A, chapter 74, Laws of 1911, as enacted by chapter 16, Laws of 1943.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4-A, chapter 74, Laws of 1911, as enacted by chapter 16, Laws of 1943, be amended to read as follows:

Computation of award for second injury.

Section 4-A. Whenever a workman has sustained a previous bodily infirmity or disability from any previous injury or disease, and shall suffer a further injury or disease in employment covered by this act, and become totally and permanently disabled from the combined effects thereof, then the accident cost rate of the employer at the time of said further injury or disease shall only be charged with the accident cost which would have resulted solely from said further injury or disease had there been no pre-existing disability and which accident cost shall be based upon the experience of the department in similar injuries or diseases. The difference between the charge thus assessed to the employer at the time of said further injury or disease and the total cost of the pension reserve shall be assessed against the second-injury fund.