

CHAPTER 181.

[H. B. 124.]

PAYMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES—
MULTIPLE EMPLOYERS.

AN ACT relating to the payment and assignment of wages in employments where work is performed for several employers interchangeably; amending section 1, chapter CXXVIII, Laws of 1887-88, as amended by section 1, chapter 112, Laws of 1905 (sec. 7594, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 701-13, PPC), and amending chapter 32, Laws of 1909 (secs. 7597 and 7598, Rem. Rev. Stat.; secs. 701-19 and 701-21, PPC) by adding thereto a new section to be designated section 3.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter CXXVIII, Laws of 1887-88, as amended by section 1, chapter 112, Laws of 1905 (sec. 7594, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 701-13, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. (a) It shall not be lawful for any corporation, person or firm engaged in manufacturing of any kind in this state, mining, railroading, constructing railroads, or any business or enterprise of whatsoever kind in this state, to issue, pay out or circulate for payment of wages of any labor, any order, check, memorandum, token or evidence of indebtedness, payable in whole or in part otherwise than in lawful money of the United States, unless the same is negotiable and redeemable at its face value, without discount, in cash or on demand, at the store or other place of business of such firm, person, or corporation when the same is issued, and the person who, or company which may issue any such order, check, memorandum, token or other evidence of indebtedness, shall upon presentation and demand redeem the same in lawful money of the United States. And when any laborer performing work or labor as above shall cease to work, whether by discharge or by voluntary withdrawal, the wages due shall be forthwith paid either in cash or by order redeemable in cash at its face value on presentation at bank,

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store, commissary, or other place in the county where the labor was performed: *Provided*, Such order may be given payable in another county when the place of employment is more convenient of access to the employe.

(b) The second sentence of the preceding subsection shall not apply when workers are engaged in an employment that normally involves working for several employers in the same industry interchangeably, and the several employers or some of them cooperate to establish a plan for the weekly payment of wages at a central place or places and in accordance with a unified schedule of paydays providing for at least one payday each week; but this subsection shall not apply to any such plan until ten (10) days after notice of their intention to set up such a plan shall have been given to the Director of Labor and Industries by the employers who cooperate to establish the plan; and having once been established, no such plan can be abandoned except after notice of their intention to abandon such plan has been given to the Director of Labor and Industries by the employers intending to abandon the plan.

Several employers with central place for payment.

Notice to Director of Labor and Industries.

SEC. 2. Chapter 32, Laws of 1909 (secs. 7597 and 7598, Rem. Rev. Stat.; secs. 701-19 and 701-21, PPC) is amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated section 3, reading as follows:

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act, no assignment of, or order for, wages or salaries earned or to be earned shall be valid under any circumstances, if the wages or salaries earned or to be earned are paid under a plan for payment at the central place or places established under the provisions of section 1 (b) of chapter CXXVIII, Laws of 1887-88, as amended by this act.

Assignments invalid where wages paid at central place.

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