

CHAPTER 44.

[S. B. 183.]

INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to the inspection of motor vehicles; prescribing the duties of certain officers with relation thereto; and amending sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (sections 6360-7, -8, -9, -10 and -11, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 288-3 to -11).

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

Amend-
ments.

SECTION 1. Section 7, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (section 6360-7, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 288-3), is amended to read as follows:

Vehicle
inspection
stations.

Section 7. The Chief of Washington State Patrol is hereby empowered to constitute, erect, operate and maintain, throughout the State of Washington, stations for the inspection of vehicle equipment, and to set a date, at a reasonable time subsequent to the installation of such stations, when inspection of vehicles shall commence, and it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be operated over the public highways of this state unless and until it has been approved periodically as to equipment. The Chief of Washington State Patrol shall establish periods of vehicle equipment inspection. In the event of any such inspection, the same shall be in charge of a responsible employee of the Chief of Washington State Patrol, who shall be duly authorized as a peace officer and who shall have authority to secure and withhold, with written notice to the Director of Licenses, the certificate of license registration of any vehicle found to be defective in equipment, and it shall be unlawful for any person to operate such vehicle unless and until the same has been placed in a condition satisfactory to subsequent equipment inspection; the peace officer in charge of such vehicle equipment inspection station shall grant to the operator of such defective vehicle the privilege to

operate such vehicle to a place for repair under such restrictions as may be reasonably necessary for the safe operation thereof.

In the event any insignia, sticker or other marker should be adopted to be displayed upon vehicles in connection with the inspection of vehicle equipment, the same shall be displayed as required by the rules and regulations of the Chief of Washington State Patrol and it shall be unlawful for any person to mutilate, destroy, remove or otherwise interfere with the display thereof.

Stickers
displayed.

SEC. 2. Section 8, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (section 6360-8, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 288-5), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 8. The Chief of Washington State Patrol is empowered to provide reasonable rules and regulations regarding times for the inspection of vehicle equipment, and all other matters with respect to the conduct of vehicle equipment inspection stations.

Inspection
rules.

In the event that any municipality or other political subdivision of this state has installed and placed in operation on the effective date of this act, any station for the inspection of vehicle equipment, the operation of such inspection station shall be in strict conformity with rules, regulations, procedure and standards of inspection prescribed by the Chief of Washington State Patrol. The operation of such municipally owned vehicle inspection station shall be under the direction and supervision of the Chief of Washington State Patrol and there shall be maintained and submitted as and when prescribed such records and reports as shall be required by the Chief of Washington State Patrol.

Municipally
owned
inspection
stations.

The Chief of Washington State Patrol shall prepare and furnish such stickers, tags, record and report forms, stationery and other supplies as shall be deemed necessary. The Chief of Washington State Patrol is empowered to appoint and employ

Stickers and
supplies
furnished.

such assistants as he may consider necessary and to fix hours of employment and compensation.

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SEC. 3. Section 9, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (section 6360-9, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 288-7), is amended to read as follows:

Acquisition
of lands.

Section 9. The Chief of Washington State Patrol is empowered to acquire land for such vehicle equipment inspection stations by purchase, gift, or condemnation, with or without structures thereon. In the event land is acquired by condemnation the same shall be acquired in the manner provided by law for the acquisition of private property for public use. The Chief of Washington State Patrol is empowered to erect structures and to acquire and install such equipment and mechanical devices as shall from time to time be necessary or convenient for the inspection of vehicle equipment.

Acquiring
stations from
municipality.

In the event that the Chief of Washington State Patrol should deem it advisable to acquire any vehicle equipment inspection station which is owned and operated by any municipality or other political subdivision of this state at the time of the taking effect of this act, and funds being available therefor, the Chief of Washington State Patrol is empowered to acquire such vehicle equipment inspection station in the name of the State of Washington upon an agreed cost with such municipality or other political subdivision not in excess of the reasonable value thereof.

SEC. 4. Section 10, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (section 6360-10, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 288-9), is amended to read as follows:

Periodic
inspections.

Section 10. Vehicle equipment inspection shall be at such periodic intervals as shall be required by the Chief of Washington State Patrol and shall be without charge for such periodic inspection.

SEC. 5. Section 11, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (section 6360-11, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 288-11), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 11. It shall be unlawful for any person employed by the Chief of Washington State Patrol or by any municipality or other political subdivision, in any vehicle equipment inspection station, to directly or indirectly, or in any manner whatsoever, order, direct, recommend or influence the correction of vehicle equipment defects by any person or persons whomsoever.

Repair or
adjustment
of equipment
at stations
unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person employed by the Chief of Washington State Patrol or by any municipality or other political subdivision, while in or about any vehicle equipment inspection station, to perform any repair or adjustment upon any vehicle or any equipment or appliance of any vehicle whatsoever.

It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit in any manner the repair to any vehicle or the adjustment of any equipment or appliance of any vehicle, upon the property of any vehicle equipment inspection station or upon any public highway adjacent thereto.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Penalty.

Passed the Senate February 19, 1945.

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Approved by the Governor March 14, 1945.