

CHAPTER 204.

[S. B. 288.]

HIGHWAYS—TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

AN ACT relating to public highways and forbidding the erection or maintenance of certain devices adjacent thereto; amending section 62, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 and RCW 47.36.180; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 and RCW 47.36.180 are each amended to read as follows: RCW 47.36.180 amended.

It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain at or near a city street, county road or state highway any structure, sign, or device: Forbidden devices.

(1) Visible from a city street, county road or state highway and simulating any directional, warning, or danger sign or light likely to be mistaken for such a sign or bearing any such words as "danger," "stop," "slow," "turn," or similar words, figures, or directions likely to be construed as giving warning to traffic;

(2) Visible from a city street, county road or state highway and displaying any red, green, blue, or yellow light or intermittent or blinking light or rotating light identical or similar in size, shape and color to that used on any emergency vehicle or road equipment or any light otherwise likely to be mistaken for a warning, danger, directional, or traffic control signal or sign;

(3) Visible from a city street, county road or state highway and displaying any lights tending to blind persons operating vehicles upon the highway, city street or county road, or any glaring light, or any light likely to be mistaken for a vehicle upon the highway or otherwise to be so mistaken as to constitute a danger; or

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(4) Visible from a city street, county road or state highway and flooding or intended to flood or directed across the roadway of the highway with a directed beam or diffused light, whether or not the flood light is shielded against directing its flood beam toward approaching traffic on the highway, city street or county road.

Any structure or device erected or maintained contrary to the provisions of this section is a public nuisance, and the Washington state highway commission, the chief of the Washington state patrol, the county sheriff or the chief of police of any city or town shall notify the owner thereof that it constitutes a public nuisance and must be removed, and if the owner fails to do so, the Washington state highway commision, the chief of the Washington state patrol, the county sheriff or the chief of police of any city or town may abate the nuisance.

Penalty.

If the owner shall fail to remove any such structure or device within fifteen days after being notified to remove such structure or device, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1957.

Passed the House March 11, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1957.