

same date as the originals thereof, and distributing the payments into ten equal annual installments, as hereinbefore provided, the cash payments previously made by such persons to be credited upon such contracts: *And provided further*, That interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum shall be paid upon all deferred payments, the interest to be paid annually.” Interest.

SEC. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed by the Senate February 3, 1909.

Passed by the House February 24, 1909.

Approved March 2, 1909.

CHAPTER 31.

[S. B. 83.]

RELATING TO RAILROAD CABOOSES.

AN ACT to promote the safety of employes on railroads by requiring and compelling railroads operating in this state to use suitable and proper caboose cars as prescribed in this act, and providing a penalty for the violation of this act.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or company operating any railroad or railway in this state to require or permit the use of any caboose cars, unless said caboose cars shall be at least twenty-four feet in length, exclusive of platforms, and shall be provided with a door in each end thereof, and with suitable water closets, cupolas, platforms, guard rails, grab irons and steps for the safety of persons in alighting or getting on said caboose cars and said caboose cars shall be equipped with at least two four wheel trucks and an operative hand brake on each end: *Provided, however*, That this act shall not apply to logging railways upon which passengers are not regularly carried for hire.

Caboose to be
twenty-four
feet long.

SEC. 2. Any person, corporation or company operating any railroad or railway in this state, violating any of the Penalty.

provisions of Sec. 1 of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), for each offense.

Time of
taking effect.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after the first day of January, 1910: *Provided*, That caboose cars not conforming to the above requirements may be operated on branch lines not exceeding 100 miles in length, and on work trains, until January 1, 1911.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1909.

Passed by the House February 24, 1909.

Approved March 2, 1909.

CHAPTER 32.

[S. B. 88.]

RELATING TO ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES.

AN ACT providing for and regulating the assignment of wages to be earned in the future.

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

Assignment
to be
recorded.

SECTION 1. No assignment of, or order for, wages to be earned in the future to secure a loan of less than three hundred dollars, shall be valid against an employer of the person making said assignment or order unless said assignment or order is accepted in writing by the employer, and said assignment or order, and the acceptance of the same, have been filed and recorded with the county auditor of the county where the party making said assignment or order resides, if a resident of the state, or in which he is employed, if not a resident of the state.

Wife to
consent.

SEC. 2. No assignment of, or order for, wages to be earned in the future shall be valid, when made by a married man, unless the written consent of his wife to the making of such assignment or order is attached thereto.

Passed by the Senate January 27, 1909.

Passed by the House February 24, 1909.

Approved March 2, 1909.