

extension heretofore or hereinafter granted: *And provided further*, That before any such extension is granted the applicant shall furnish to the board satisfactory proof that all state, county and other taxes due or payable upon the said timber have been fully paid.

Passed the Senate February 23, 1917.

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## CHAPTER 90.

[S. B. 11.]

### DEAD BODIES AND PUBLIC MORGUES IN COUNTIES OF 250,000 POPULATION.

AN ACT relating to the control of dead bodies, and providing for the establishment, maintenance and regulation of public morgues in counties having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

SECTION 1. In counties of the first class of more than two hundred and fifty thousand population, the county commissioners, within three (3) months after the taking effect of this act and in counties which shall hereafter attain a population of more than two hundred and fifty thousand, within one (1) year after attaining such population, may at their discretion provide and equip a public morgue together with suitable morgue wagon for the conveyance, receipt and proper disposition of the bodies of all deceased persons not claimed by relatives, and of all dead bodies which are by law subject to a post mortem or coroner's inquest: *Provided, however*, That only one public morgue may be established in any county.

Authority  
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morgue.

SEC. 2. Such morgue shall be under the control and management of the coroner who shall have power with the advice and consent of the county commissioners, to employ the necessary deputies and employees; and, with the

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morgue.

advice and consent of the county commissioners, to fix their salaries and compensation, which, together with the expenses of operating such morgue, shall be paid monthly out of the county treasury.

Dead bodies falling within coroner's jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction of the bodies of all deceased persons, not claimed by friends or relatives, or who come to their death by reason of violence or unnatural causes, or where there shall exist reasonable grounds for the belief that such death has been caused by unlawful means at the hands of another, and bodies upon which a post mortem or coroner's inquest is to be held, is hereby vested in the county coroner, which bodies may be placed in the morgue, and it shall be his duty, under such rules as shall be adopted by him with the approval of the county commissioners, to provide how such bodies shall be brought to and cared for at said morgue and held for the proper identification where the same is necessary.

Notice to coroner of dead bodies.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of every person who knows of the existence and location of a dead body coming under the jurisdiction of the coroner as set forth in section 3, of this act, to notify the coroner thereof in the most expeditious manner possible, unless such person shall have good reason to believe that such notice has already been given. Any person knowing of the existence of such dead body and not having good reason to believe that the coroner has notice thereof and who shall fail to give notice to the coroner as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty for failure to give.

Care of bodies free of charge.

SEC. 5. No charge shall be made for the removal to or care of any body while in the morgue and upon the request of relatives or friends the body after investigation shall be delivered to the friends at any point in the city without charge.

Duplicate lists of deceased's personalty.

SEC. 6. Duplicate lists of all jewelry, moneys, papers, and other personal property of the deceased shall be made immediately upon finding the same by the coroner or his assistants. The original of such lists shall be kept as a

public record at the morgue and the duplicate thereof shall be forthwith duly certified to by the coroner and filed with the county auditor.

SEC. 7. Any person, not authorized by the coroner or his deputies, who removes the body of a deceased person not claimed by a relative or friend, or who came to their death by reason of violence or from unnatural causes or where there shall exist reasonable grounds for the belief that such death has been caused by unlawful means at the hands of another, to any undertaking rooms or elsewhere, or any person who directs, aids or abets such taking, and any person who in any way conceals the body of a deceased person for the purpose of taking the same to any undertaking rooms or elsewhere, shall in each of said cases be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Penalty for removal or concealment of dead bodies.

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Passed the House March 6, 1917.

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## CHAPTER 91.

[S. B. 134.]

### OKANOGAN COUNTY GAME PRESERVE.

AN ACT relating to game animals, creating a game preserve in Okanogan county and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Every person who shall, within that part of Okanogan county bounded and described as follows: "Beginning at Monument 95 on the international boundary between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, thence approximately south one mile to the head of Cathedral creek, thence southerly along said creek

Boundaries of preserve.