

CHAPTER 46.

[S. B. 139.]

COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEES.

AN ACT relating to the use of public highways, providing for the licensing of motor vehicles and the collection and disbursement of fees therefor, and amending sections 15, 17 and 18 of chapter 142 of the laws of 1915.

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

SECTION 1. That section 15 of chapter 142 of the Laws of 1915 be amended to read as follows:

Section 15. All fees herein authorized to be collected shall be as follows:

ANNUAL FEES.

Motor Cycles.

All \$6.00

Automobiles.

Automobiles for Private Use.

Weighing 1500 pounds or less.....\$10.00

Weighing 1500 pounds or more \$10.00, and, sixty cents per hundred weight for all excess over 1500 pounds.

Automobiles for Hire.

Weighing 1500 pounds or less \$20.00, and, in addition thereto at the rated passenger capacity, per passenger \$3.00.

Weighing more than 1500 pounds \$20.00, and, sixty cents per hundred weight for all excess over 1500 pounds, and in addition thereto, at the rated passenger capacity, per passenger \$3.00.

Schedule of fees.

Auto Stages.

Weighing 1500 pounds or less \$25.00, and in addition thereto, at the rated passenger capacity, per passenger \$3.00.

Weighing more than 1500 pounds \$25.00, and, sixty cents per hundred weight for all excess over 1500 pounds, and in addition thereto at the rated passenger capacity, per passenger \$3.00.

Auto Stage Trailers.

Weighing 1500 pounds or less \$10.00, and, at the rated passenger capacity, per passenger \$3.00.

Weighing 1500 pounds or more \$10.00, and sixty cents per hundred weight for all excess over 1500 pounds, and in addition thereto at the rated passenger capacity, per passenger \$3.00.

Motor Trucks.

Weighing 1500 pounds or less.....\$10.00

Weighing more than 1500 pounds and not to exceed 6,500 pounds \$10.00, and forty cents per hundred weight for all in excess of 1,500 pounds and in addition thereto forty cents per hundred weight at the rated capacity load.

Weighing more than 6,500 pounds \$10.00, and fifty cents per hundred weight for all in excess of 1,500 pounds and in addition thereto fifty cents per hundred weight at the rated capacity load.

Trailers used as trucks shall be classified and rated as, and shall pay the same fee as hereinbefore provided for motor trucks of like weight and capacity.

It shall be unlawful to operate a truck or trailer on the public highways in the State of Washington Limitation on weight of loads.

with a load greater than 10,000 pounds: *Provided, however,* That this load limitation shall not apply to trucks or trailers operating entirely within the city limits of a city of the first or second class, if permitted so to do by ordinance, and no motor truck shall be driven over or along any public highway with a load exceeding its licensed capacity. And, no three or four wheeled logging truck shall be driven over or along any public highway loaded with logs exceeding 2,000 feet; and no logging truck with a trailer or other six wheeled logging truck shall be driven over or along any public highway with a load of logs exceeding 3,000 feet as calculated by Scribner's Log Scale, and for the purposes of this act the weight of the load shall be calculated at five pounds per foot, log scale.

Dealers' Licenses.

Dealers in motor cycles.....	\$10.00
Dealers in all other motor vehicles regardless of weight	50.00
Additional dealers' license plates, bearing same number except motor cycle dealers' licenses	10.00

General Fees.

Duplicates of number plates except dealers' duplicate, each	\$1.00
Duplication of year plates, each.....	.50
Dealers' duplicate year plates, each.....	5.00
Duplication of motor cycle license plates, each	1.50
Transfer of motor vehicle licenses, each.....	1.00

Provided, It shall be unlawful for any private or corporation car to carry passengers for hire, except that this provision shall not apply to private automobiles that shall be operated for hire for a period of one week or less, and for which a special permit so to operate shall have been obtained from the

Carriage for hire by private cars.

county auditor. The fee for any such permit shall be for each automobile the sum of five dollars (\$5.00).

SEC. 2. That section 17 of chapter 142 of the Laws of 1915 be amended to read as follows:

Section 17. Motor trucks and trailers owned by any county in the State of Washington and operated exclusively for the use of said county and motor vehicles owned by any city for the police or fire department, or any apparatus not suitable for the carrying of persons, used in cleaning, sprinkling or flushing of streets or in the transportation of refuse, or of the crematory, lighting or water department thereof, and used exclusively in these departments; and all motor vehicles owned by the United States Government and used exclusively in its service, shall be exempt from payment of license fees as herein provided: *Provided, however,* Such vehicles must be registered as provided for in this act and display the number assigned by the secretary of state upon the machine; and, except in case of the federal government shall pay for such number a fee of one dollar (\$1.00), nor shall said fire or police apparatus or any motor ambulance for the relief of sick or injured persons, when the emergencies of the occasion demand, be limited to the speed regulations authorized in this act. Any motor vehicle except trucks belonging to any city or town found operating outside such city or town shall be required to take out license for said motor vehicle as a privately owned motor vehicle in the class to which it belongs.

Exemption
from license
fees.

Registration
required.

SEC. 3. That section 18 of chapter 142 of the Laws of 1915 be amended to read as follows:

Section 18. There is hereby created a state fund to be known as the "Motor Vehicle Fund."

Motor
Vehicle
Fund.

All fees collected by the secretary of state as herein provided shall be paid into the state treasury

Credits to,
and dis-
position of,
fund.

as other funds are paid and placed to the credit of the motor vehicle fund, from which shall be paid annually:

First: One-half of the amount appropriated for the biennium for the motor vehicle department in the secretary of state's office for issuing licenses and enforcing the law.

Distribu-
tion of \$1,-
000,000.00 to
cities and
counties.

Second: One million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) annually to be distributed as follows: To the various counties of the state in which are located primary highways and to the various cities and towns in the state in which are any streets forming a part of the route of any primary highway for the maintenance of such primary highways and of such streets a sum equaling two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per mile for such highways which have been or may hereafter be constructed along permanent location and established grades therein, and for such streets which are or may hereafter form a part of the route of such highways. All sums distributed to counties shall be placed in the permanent highway maintenance fund for such county. All sums distributed to cities shall be remitted by the state auditor to the cities entitled thereto and shall be expended by such cities only for the maintenance or improvement of such streets. The primary highways and streets, in order to come under the provisions of this act for maintenance purposes, must be of character equal and up to the standard of permanent highway construction. The state highway commissioner shall determine what streets in cities and towns form a part of the route of any primary highway and shall, between the fifteenth day of February and the fifteenth day of March of each year, certify in triplicate, one copy to the state treasurer, one copy to the county commissioners of each such county and one copy to the clerk of each city affected by the provisions of this act, the number of miles of such constructed primary

highways within such county or such streets so forming a part of the route of a primary highway; the remainder of said one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall go to the permanent highway maintenance fund of the respective counties, in addition to the amounts heretofore provided by law to be distributed in accordance with the amount of money paid into the permanent highway fund by the various counties of the state.

Third: The balance paid into said motor vehicle fund annually shall be applied to general road construction or paving as provided for by appropriations.

SEC. 4. If any section, sub-division, sentence or clause of this act is for any reason held to be void or unconstitutional such decision, shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this act.

Partial in-
validity.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and the support of the existing institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the Senate February 18, 1919.

Passed the House February 20, 1919.

Approved by the Governor February 27, 1919.