CHAPTER 64.

[S. B. 223.]

MACHINE GUNS.

AN ACT relating to machine guns, regulating the manufacture, possession, sale of machine guns and parts, and providing penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any Machine person to manufacture, own, buy, sell, loan, furnish, transport, or have in possession, or under control, any machine gun, or any part thereof capable of use or assembling or repairing any machine gun: Provided. however. That such limitation shall not Officers. apply to any peace officer in the discharge of official duty, or to any officer or member of the armed forces of the United States or the State of Washington.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this act a machine Definition. gun is defined as any firearm or weapon known as a machine gun, mechanical rifle, submachine gun, and/or any other weapon, mechanism, or instrument not requiring that the trigger be pressed for each shot and having a reservoir clip, disc, drum, belt, or other separable mechanical device for storing, carrying, or supplying ammunition which can be loaded into such weapon, mechanism, or instrument, and fired therefrom at the rate of five or more shots per second.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any of the provi- Violation, sions of this act shall be guilty of a felony.

All machine guns, or parts thereof, SEC. 4. illegally held or possessed are hereby declared to Declared contraband. be contraband, and it shall be the duty of all peace officers, and/or any officer or member of the armed forces of the United States or the State of Wash-

guns banned.

Seizure.

Effective immediately.

Insurrection.

ington, to seize said machine gun, or parts thereof, wherever and whenever found.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 10, 1933. Passed the House February 23, 1933. Approved by the Governor March 6, 1933.

CHAPTER 65.

[H. B. 263.]

EMERGENCY RELIEF BONDS.

AN ACT to relieve the people of the state from hardships and suffering caused by unemployment, through the agency of the emergency relief administration, creating a debt, authorizing the issuance and sale of state bonds, creating a sinking fund to be known as the "General Obligation Bonds of 1933 Retirement Fund" and allocating a portion of receipts in the motor vehicle fund thereto for the payment of interest and principal of said bonds, providing for a tax levy to cover any deficiency therein, making an appropriation therefrom, declaring an emergency and that the act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. Preamble.—World wide economic depression has brought about unemployment of and distress to the citizens of the state. Their savings and reserves are becoming depleted. Hunger marches. Discontent, social unrest and incipient insurrection exist. Acts of insurrection are occurring. The moral resistance of the people is lessening. Government itself is imperiled and must be protected and preserved. Sovereignty implies sacrifice and imposes duty. It looks only to the perpetuity of our institutions as defined in our constitutions and in the hearts of men. It measures in terms of peace, good order and the common good.

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