

## CHAPTER 228.

[H. B. 277.]

HOUSING COSTS OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL  
FUNCTIONS.

AN ACT relating to the state government, providing for the payment of housing cost to the general fund by offices, departments and activities financed in whole or in part from other funds, prescribing the duties of officers, and declaring that the act shall take effect April 1, 1941.

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

Purpose.

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to provide that all offices, departments and activities of the state financed either in whole or in part from funds

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other than the general fund of the state shall contribute their proportion of housing cost expended from the general fund for the use and benefit of such offices, departments and activities. Within the meaning of this act "housing cost" means the expense of operating and maintaining capitol buildings and grounds.

Definition.

Duty of  
Director of  
Budget.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Director of Finance, Budget and Business, and he is hereby directed, at the close of each quarterly period ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, commencing with the quarter ending June 30, 1941, to bill each office, department and activity financed either in whole or in part from funds other than the general fund for payment of its proportion of housing cost for the preceding quarter, the amount so billed to be computed at the rate of seventy-five cents (\$.75) a year for each square foot of usable floor space assigned to or occupied by such office,

Rate.

department or activity: *Provided*, That this act shall not be construed to prevent the Director from allotting available unused space to governmental agencies for temporary occupancy without charge whenever such temporary occupancy is deemed in the public interest. Upon receipt of such bill, each

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office, department and activity financed either in whole or in part from funds other than the general fund shall cause a warrant or check in the amount thereof to be drawn upon its operating fund or other special or local fund within its jurisdiction in favor of the Director by whom the same shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the general fund.

Head of department to draw on operating fund.

Credit of general fund.

SEC. 3. If any portion of this act be held invalid or unconstitutional, or if the payment of housing cost out of any one or more of the funds affected by this act should be held to be unauthorized as beyond the power of the state, such holding shall not impair or invalidate the remainder of the act, in so far as it can be given effect.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1941.

Effective immediately.

Passed the House February 24, 1941.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 1941.