

CHAPTER 135.

[S. S. B. 186.]

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND.

AN ACT relating to the Highway Equipment Fund and amending section 10, chapter 144, Laws of 1935 (section 6600-1c, Remington's Revised Statutes, Volume 7A), and declaring that this act shall take effect April 1, 1943.

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

Amendments. SECTION 1. Section 10, chapter 144, Laws of 1935 (section 6600-1c, Remington's Revised Statutes, Volume 7A) is amended to read as follows:

Highway equipment fund. Section 10. There is hereby created in the state treasury a state fund to be known as the "Highway Equipment Fund," the same to be used by the Department of Highways as a revolving fund to be expended for salaries, wages and operations required for the repair, replacement, purchase and operation of equipment and for purchase of equipment, materials and supplies to be used as follows: (1) In the administration and operation of this fund; (2) In the administration, maintenance and construction of highways and highway facilities; and (3) For the operation by the Department of Highways of an automobile pool of state owned vehicles.

Purposes for which used.

Credits to fund. The Highway Equipment Fund shall be credited, in the case of equipment, with a reasonable rental assessed upon the use of such equipment by the various state departments, and in the case of materials and supplies, with a reasonable charge for such materials and supplies. Such credit for rental and charges for materials and supplies shall be charged against the proper appropriation therefor.

Director may rent or sell. Equipment may be rented and materials and supplies may be sold out of this fund to any Federal, state, county or city political subdivision or governmental agency. The terms and charges for such rental and the prices for such sale shall be solely

within the discretion of the Director of Highways and his determination of the charge for rental or sale price shall be considered a reasonable rental charge or a reasonable sale price. Any political subdivision or governmental agency shall make payment for such rental or for purchase of such materials or supplies directly to the Highway Equipment Fund at the office of the Director of Highways of the State of Washington at Olympia.

Determine charges.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1943.

Effective date.

Passed the Senate February 26, 1943.

Passed the House March 10, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1943.

CHAPTER 136.

[S. B. 191.]

PORT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to port districts; permitting Port Commissions to contract with certain other public bodies without requiring performance bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Port districts may enter into leases and contracts of every kind and nature with the United States of America or any of its departments, the State of Washington or any of its departments, or its political subdivisions or with any municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation of the State of Washington, without requiring said port district or public bodies to provide bonds to secure the performance thereof. All such leases or contracts heretofore entered into are hereby ratified.

Port districts may contract without performance bonds.

Prior acts ratified.

Passed the Senate February 20, 1943.

Passed the House March 10, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1943.