CHAPTER 15.

RELATING TO FISHERIES.

An Acr relating to fisheries, authorizing the destruction of seals and sea lions, prescribing the powers and duties of the director of fisheries in respect thereto, providing for the payment of bounties, prescribing penalties, amending section 96, chapter 31, Laws of 1915, as amended by section 8, chapter 180, Laws of 1921 (sec. 5748, Rem. Rev. Stat.), repealing section 2, chapter 229, Laws of 1945, and declaring that this act shall take effect April 1, 1947.

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

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Section 1. Section 96, chapter 31, Laws of 1915, as amended by section 8, chapter 180, Laws of 1921 (sec. 5748, Rem. Rev. Stat.) is amended to read as follows:

Powers and duties of Director of Fisheries.

Section 96. The Director of Fisheries shall have the power and it shall be his duty to cause his employees and hunters employed for the purpose to kill and destroy seals and sea lions in the waters of the State of Washington. He shall have the authority to expend such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes and he is hereby authorized to expend such moneys as may be necessary to administer this act and to purchase firearms, ammunition, dynamite and other materials necessary to carry out the purposes hereof. He shall keep as nearly as possible an accurate record of the number of seals and sea lions that are so destroyed. Any person other than an employee of the Department of Fisheries killing or causing to be killed in the waters of the state, any common seal or sea lion shall be entitled to receive a bounty of not less than three dollars (\$3.00) nor more than ten dollars (\$10.00), the amount to be designated by the Director of Fisheries at the beginning of each fiscal year, from any monies which may be

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appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of this act. All monies appropriated for such purposes by the Legislature of the state shall be expended under the direction of and upon vouchers approved by the Director of Fisheries, who shall adopt rules and regulations providing for the proof of such killing and the surrender and destruction of the scalp of such seal or sea lion. Any person who Penalty. shall receive, or attempt to receive, any bounty for the killing of any common seal or sea lion not taken in the waters of the State of Washington shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall pay a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

Payment of bountles.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 229, Laws of 1945 is Prior penal statute hereby repealed.

repealed.

Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the support of Emergency the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1947.

Passed the Senate January 23, 1947.

Passed the House February 5, 1947.

Approved by the Governor February 11, 1947.

CHAPTER 16. [S. B. 34.]

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION.

An Act making a deficiency appropriation for the payment of salaries and wages and operations for the Commissioner of Public Lands, the Board of State Land Commissioners, and the State Forest Board, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. By reason of a deficiency existing in the appropriation made by the Twenty-Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature, the following sums, or so much thereof as shall severally be found necessary