

CHAPTER 42.

[H. B. 94.]

TRACK MOTOR CARS.

AN ACT providing for installation of certain equipment upon track motor cars operated by railroads and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Every person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running through or within this state as a common carrier shall, on or before January 1, 1952, equip each of its track motor cars with:

Track motor car equipment.

(1) A windshield and a device for wiping rain, snow and other moisture therefrom, which device shall be maintained in good order and so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the operator of said track motor car;

Windshield wipers.

(2) A canopy or top of such construction as to adequately protect the occupants thereof from the rays of the sun, rain, snow or other inclement weather.

Canopy.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful after January 1, 1952, for any person, firm or corporation, operating or controlling any common carrier railroad running through or within this state to operate or use any track motor car which is not equipped with a windshield and canopy or top as provided in section 1.

Unlawful to operate without windshield wiper and canopy.

SEC. 3. Every person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running as a common carrier through or within the state shall, on or before January 1, 1952, equip each of its track motor cars used during the period from thirty minutes before sunset to thirty minutes after sunrise, with an electric headlight of such construction and with sufficient candle power to render plainly visible at a distance of not less than three hundred feet in

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Track motor cars to have headlights.

Rear light.

advance of such track motor car, any track obstruction, landmark, warning sign or grade crossing, and further shall equip such track motor car with a red rear electric light of such construction and with sufficient candle power as to be plainly visible at a distance of three hundred feet.

Unlawful to operate without.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful after January 1, 1952, for any person, firm or corporation operating or controlling any railroad running as a common carrier through or within this state to operate or use any track motor car from thirty minutes before sunset to thirty minutes after sunrise, which is not equipped with lights of the candle power, construction and utility described in section 3.

Violation.

SEC. 5. Every violation of this act is a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Passed the House February 8, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1951.