

CHAPTER 128.

[S. B. 199.]

PRISONERS' LABOR AUTHORIZED.

AN ACT relating to the department of public institutions and authorizing the departments, boards, commissions or other agencies of the state of Washington or the federal government to use state prisoners to perform work at camps; providing authority in the department of public institutions to contract for such prison labor, to determine eligibility of prisoners for employment under such contracts, and to designate and supervise work and furnishing and management of camps; adding new sections to chapter 43.19, RCW; and repealing chapter 220, Laws of 1939 and RCW 72.08.270 through 72.08.330.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 43.19, RCW, a new section to read as follows:

State or federal agencies may use prison labor.

Any department, division, bureau, commission, or other agency of the state of Washington or the federal government may use, or cause to be used, prisoners confined in state penal or correctional institutions to perform work necessary and proper, to be done by them at camps to be established pursuant to the authority granted by sections 1 through 4: *Provided*, That such prisoners shall not be authorized to perform work on any public road, other than access roads to forestry lands. The department of public institutions may enter into contracts for the purposes of sections 1 through 4.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 43.19, RCW, a new section to read as follows:

Eligibility and transportation of prisoners.

The department of public institutions shall determine which prisoners shall be eligible for employment under section 1, and shall establish and modify lists of prisoners eligible for such employment, upon the requisition of an agency mentioned in section 1. The superintendent of public institutions may send to the place, and at the time desig-

nated, the number of prisoners requisitioned, or such number thereof as have been determined to be eligible for such employment and are available. No prisoner shall be eligible or shall be released for such employment until his eligibility therefor has been determined by the department of public institutions.

The superintendent of public institutions may return to prison any prisoner transferred to camp pursuant to this section, when the need for such prisoner's labor has ceased or when the prisoner is guilty of any violation of the rules and regulations of the prison or camp.

Return of prisoners.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 43.19, RCW, a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The agency providing for prisoners under sections 1 through 4 shall designate and supervise all work done under the provisions of sections 1 through 4. The agency shall provide, erect and maintain any necessary camps, except that where no funds are available to the agency, the department of public institutions may provide, erect and maintain the necessary camps. The superintendent of public institutions shall supervise and manage the necessary camps and commissaries.

Supervision and maintenance of prisoners.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 43.19, RCW, a new section to read as follows:

New section.

The department of public institutions shall have full jurisdiction at all times over the discipline and control of the prisoners performing work under sections 1 through 4.

Jurisdiction of department of public institutions.

SEC. 5. Chapter 220, Laws of 1939, and RCW 72.08.270 through 72.08.330 are each repealed.

Repeal.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1955.

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