

plication, and to this end the provisions of the act are declared to be severable.

Passed the House March 3, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 145.

[H. B. 381.]

FIRST CLASS CITIES—UTILITY EMPLOYEES' CONTRACTS.

AN ACT relating to first class cities owning and operating public utilities; and amending section 1, chapter 21, Laws of 1951 and RCW 35.22.350.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 21, Laws of 1951 and RCW 35.22.350 are each amended to read as follows:

All first class cities.

Every city of the first class which owns and operates a waterworks system, a light and power system, a street railway or other public utility, shall have power, through its proper officers, to deal with and to enter into contracts for periods not exceeding one year with its employees engaged in the construction, maintenance, or operation thereof through the accredited representatives of the employees including any labor organization or organizations authorized to act for them concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor in such employment, and every city having not less than one hundred forty thousand nor more than one hundred and seventy thousand population is empowered and authorized to immediately place in effect any adjustment or change in such wages, hours and conditions of labor of such employees as may be required to conform to the provisions of any such contract, irrespective of the provisions of any annual budget

Cities of not less than 140,000 nor more than 170,000 population.

or act relating thereto: *Provided*, That not more Limitation.
 than one such contract not in conformity with any
 annual budget shall be made during any budget
 year, nor shall any such adjustment or change be
 made which would result in an excess of expendi-
 tures over revenues of such public utility.

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CHAPTER 146.

[H. B. 153.]

MOTOR VEHICLES—RULES OF ROAD—SIZE, WEIGHT, LOAD.

AN ACT relating to the operation of motor vehicles upon public highways and amending section 12, chapter 196, Laws of 1949 and RCW 46.60.020; section 36, chapter 269, Laws of 1951, and RCW 46.44.092; section 88, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 and RCW 46.60.150; section 90, chapter 189, Laws of 1937, and RCW 46.60.170; section 14, chapter 200, Laws of 1947, and RCW 46.60.330; and section 59, chapter 53, Laws of 1937, and RCW 47.36.110, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12, chapter 196, Laws of 1949 Amendment.
 and RCW 46.60.020 are each amended to read as follows:

(RCW 46.60.020) Whenever any highway has Divided
highways.
 been divided into two roadways by leaving an in-
 tervening space or by a physical barrier or clearly
 indicated dividing section or by two parallel barrier
 stripes four inches or more apart so installed as to
 control vehicular traffic, every vehicle shall be driven
 only upon the right hand roadway and no vehicle
 shall be driven over, across or within any such
 dividing space, barrier or section, or barrier stripes,
 except through an opening in such physical barrier
 or dividing section or space, or barrier stripes, or