

duties prescribed by law in relation to the inspection of tracks, bridges, structures, machinery, equipment, and apparatus of street railways, gas plants, electrical plants, water systems, telephone lines, telegraph lines, and other public utilities, with respect to the safety of employees, and the administration and enforcement of all laws providing for the protection of employees of street railways, gas plants, electrical plants, water systems, telephone lines, telegraph lines, and other public utilities;

(3) Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed by law in relation to the enforcement, amendment, alteration, change, and making additions to, rules and regulations concerning the operation, placing, erection, maintenance, and use of electrical apparatus, and the construction thereof.

(4) Have charge and supervision of the inspection of hotels as provided by law.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1955.

Passed the House March 3, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 174.

[S. B. 278.]

HIGHWAYS—CLOSURE OF CAMAS SLOUGH.

AN ACT relating to highways; authorizing closure of Camas Slough, near Camas, Washington, for highway purposes.

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

SECTION 1. The Washington state highway commission is hereby authorized for highway purposes to close off by fill or embankment all water transporta-

Closure of
Camas Slough
authorized.

tion on Camas Slough, a part of the Columbia River extending from a point of land at the confluence of the left bank of the Washougal River and the right bank of the Columbia River to the land on Lady Island with the axis or center line of the embankment being more particularly described as a line bearing south seventy-six degrees (76°), fifty-one and one-half minutes ($51\frac{1}{2}'$) west from a point; said point being located on the line between section 11 and section 14 and distant approximately 520 feet westerly from the corner common to sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, all situate in township 1 north, range 3 east, W. M.: *Provided*, There shall be constructed in such fill, at or near the channel of said slough, an opening of sufficient dimensions to allow normal flow of water during the low water period or such opening as may be required or approved by the Corps of Engineers, United States Army.

Description of axis or center line.

Passed the Senate February 15, 1955.

Passed the House March 5, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 175.

[S. B. 445.]

EDUCATION—ASSISTANCE TO BLIND STUDENTS.

AN ACT relating to assistance to blind students and amending sections 2 and 3, chapter 232, Laws of 1949, section 4, chapter 154, Laws of 1935 and RCW 28.76.130 and 28.76.140.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 232, Laws of 1949 and RCW 28.76.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

There is allocated to each and every blind student attending any institution of higher learning within the state of Washington a sum not to exceed two

Amount and purpose of aid.