

CHAPTER 278.

[S. B. 94.]

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

AN ACT requiring that hospitals, schools, buildings for places of public assembly, and publicly owned structures be designed and constructed to resist earthquakes; and providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. The word "person" includes any individual, corporation, or group of two or more individuals acting together for a common purpose, whether acting in an individual, representative, or official capacity.

"Person" defined.

SEC. 2. Hospitals, schools, except one story, portable, frame school buildings, buildings designed or constructed as places of assembly accommodating more than three hundred persons; and all structures owned by the state, county, special districts, or any municipal corporation within the state of Washington shall hereafter be designed and constructed to resist probable earthquake intensities at the location thereof in accordance with section 3 of this act, unless other standards of design and construction for earthquake resistance are prescribed by enactments of the legislative authority of counties, special districts, and/or municipal corporations in which the structure is constructed.

Buildings to be designed and constructed to resist earthquake intensities.

SEC. 3. Structural frames, exterior walls, and all appendages of the buildings described in section 2 of this act, whose collapse will endanger life and property shall be designed and constructed to withstand horizontal forces from any direction of not less than the following fractions of the weight of the structure and its parts acting at the centers of gravity:

Western Washington 0.05

Violation of
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Proviso.

SEC. 4. Any person violating any provision of the act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor: *Provided*, That any person causing such a building to be built shall be entitled to rely on the certificate of a licensed professional engineer and/or registered architect that the standards of design set forth above have been met.

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Approved by the Governor March 18, 1955.

CHAPTER 279.

[Sub. S. B. 54.]

STATE CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND LAND.

AN ACT relating to state government; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of a new state office building, a new state library building, and for the clearing of piling and debris from Capitol Lake; authorizing the refunding of bonds heretofore issued; prescribing purposes for which the proceeds shall be used; defining certain powers of the state capitol committee; amending sections 3, 4, 5 and 7, chapter 22, Laws of 1951 (uncodified) as amended by section 3, chapter 187, Laws of 1953; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Authority to
issue coupon
or registered
bonds of
state capitol
committee;
amount and
limitations on.

SECTION 1. The state capitol committee may issue coupon or registered bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed four million three hundred thousand dollars. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed four percent per annum, both principal and interest to be payable only from revenues hereafter received from leases and contracts of sale heretofore or hereafter made of lands, timber, and other products from the surface or beneath the surface of the lands granted to the state by the United States pursuant to the act of Congress approved February 22, 1889, for capitol building purposes.