

CHAPTER CXXII.

[H. B. No. 228.]

TO PREVENT DESTRUCTION OF FORESTS BY FIRE.

AN ACT to prevent the destruction of forests by fire on public lands.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Any person or persons who shall willfully and deliberately set fire to any wooded county or forest belonging to this state or the United States within this state, or to any place from which fire shall be communicated to any such wooded county or forest, or who shall accidentally set fire to any such wooded county or forest or to any place from which fire shall be communicated to any such wooded county or forest, and shall not extinguish the same or use every effort to that end, or who shall build any fire for lawful purposes or otherwise in or near any such wooded county or forest and through carelessness or neglect shall permit said fire to extend to and burn through such wooded county or forest, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction shall be punishable by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall apply to any person who in good faith shall set a back fire to prevent the extension of a fire already burning. All fines collected under this act shall be paid into the county treasury for the benefit of the common school fund of the county in which they are collected.

Penalty.

Approved March 7, 1891.