

CHAPTER 172.

[S. B. 135.]

MOTOR VEHICLES—REMOVING AND IMPOUNDING
DISABLED VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to safety on public streets and highways, tunnels, bridges and approaches and providing for removal therefrom of disabled vehicles.

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

Removal of disabled vehicles authorized.

SECTION 1. Whenever any vehicle shall become stalled, disabled or unable to move under its own power on or in any public facility, such as streets, roads or highways in the state, including tunnels, bridges or approaches thereto or sections thereof and such an occurrence has been deemed by the authority having jurisdiction as being a menace or obstruction to the safety of the general public, such authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized to remove said disabled vehicle forthwith by either private or governmental equipment and such vehicle removed shall be impounded and held until towing charges have been paid by the owner thereof.

Impounding.

Fees.

SEC. 2. The charge for towing said vehicles shall be fixed by the governmental agency having jurisdiction thereof and said agency may award said towing service to any private person, firm, or corporation in close proximity to the facility to be serviced or may maintain such service for such facilities as may be indicated. The governmental agency acting alone or in cooperation with any other governmental agency concerned may contract with each other for the maintenance of such service and payment of costs thereof.

Award of towing service.

Contracts.

Public facilities to have towing service and fee posted thereon.

SEC. 3. Whenever towing service for any facility is maintained, the governmental agency having jurisdiction thereof shall cause said highway, road or street, or tunnel, bridge or approaches thereto or

sections thereof, to be posted or designated by appropriate signs including charges fixed for such towing service.

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CHAPTER 173.

[S. B. 272.]

LABOR AND INDUSTRIES—INSPECTIONS BY SAFETY DIVISION.

AN ACT relating to the duties of the director of labor and industries; amending section 80, chapter 7, Laws of 1921 and RCW 43.22.050; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 80, chapter 7, Laws of 1921 and RCW 43.22.050 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

The director of labor and industries, through the division of safety, shall: Inspection duties of director of labor and industries through the division of safety.

(1) Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed by law in relation to the inspection of factories, mills, workshops, storehouses, ware-rooms, stores and buildings, and the machinery and apparatus therein contained, and steam vessels, and other vessels operated by machinery, and in relation to the administration and enforcement of all laws and safety standards providing for the protection of employees in mills, factories, workshops, and in employments subject to the provisions of Title 51, and in relation to the enforcement, inspection, certification, and promulgation of safe places and safety device standards in all industries: *Provided, however,* This section shall not apply to railroads;

(2) Exercise all the powers and perform all the