

CHAPTER 93.

[S. B. 155.]

WAR EMERGENCY.

AN ACT relating to the War Emergency, authorizing the state and any county, city, town, township, diking district, drainage district, diking, drainage or sewerage improvement district, irrigation district and other public corporation to sell or rent tools or equipment to the United States or to the War Production Board or its successor in authority, or any person designated by it, and declaring an emergency.

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

Declaration
of intent.

SECTION 1. The war effort has made huge demands on available construction tools and equipment. A shortage of such tools and equipment now exists and may hereafter grow more serious. At any time the Federal government may be required to request the sale or lease of construction equipment and tools owned by the state to itself or to contractors engaged in projects essential to the war effort. In order that the state may be in position to cooperate to the fullest possible extent with the Federal government in the prosecution of the war effort, it is necessary that immediate authorization to sell or lease such equipment, if the same be required for the war effort, be granted.

Authority to
sell or lease.

SEC. 2. The head of each department of government of the State of Washington, subject to the approval of the Director of Finance, Budget and Business, and the governing body of each county, city, town, township, irrigation district, diking district, drainage district, diking, drainage or sewerage improvement district, or other municipal or quasi municipal corporation in the state are hereby authorized to sell or lease any tools or equipment owned by such department or municipal or quasi municipal corporation or under its control to the government

Tools and
equipment.

of the United States or the War Production Board, or its successor in authority, or to any person designated by it: *Provided*, In either case that the War Production Board or its successor in authority certified to the head of the department or the governing board that such tools and equipment or the rental thereof are essential to the war effort. Notwithstanding any law or rule or regulation to the contrary, such sales or leases may be made on an informal basis without the taking of bids: *Provided*, No such property shall be rented or sold for any sum less than that fixed by the War Production Board in its schedule of prices for the sale or rental of such property.

Needed in war effort.

WPB price schedule.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately and it shall be in force and effect until the cessation of hostilities in the present war, as declared by the President of the United States or by the Congress.

Effective immediately.

Termination fixed.

Passed the Senate February 22, 1943.

Passed the House March 8, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1943.