

expenses to carrier revenues may be deemed the proper test of a reasonable profit.

[R.C.W. 81.04.250 is derived from Rem. Supp. § 10441. R.C.W. 80.04.250 likewise derived from Rem. Supp. § 10441, and relating to public service companies other than carriers, is not amended by this act.]

Emergency.

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

Passed the House February 20, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.

CHAPTER 76.

[H. B. 115.]

OPERATION OF BICYCLES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT relating to bicycles and play vehicles and the operation thereof upon the public highways, providing for equipment thereon and amending section 46.40.070, R.C.W., and prescribing penalties.

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

"Bicycle,"
defined.

SECTION 1. Wherever used in this act, the term "bicycle" shall mean every device propelled by human power, upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over twenty inches in diameter. These regulations applicable to bicycles shall apply whenever a bicycle is operated upon any highway or upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

Application
of act.

Use of
bicycles on
roadways.

SEC. 2. Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a motor vehicle, except as to the special regulations of this chapter.

SEC. 3. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. **Bicycle seat.**

SEC. 4. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at any one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. **Persons on bicycle.**

SEC. 5. No person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon the public highways of this state. **Attachment to other vehicles.**

SEC. 6. Every person operating a bicycle upon a public highway of this state shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercise due care when passing standing vehicles or one proceeding in the same direction. Persons riding bicycles upon a public highway in this state shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a public highway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway. **Operation on public ways.**

SEC. 7. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars. **Carrying packages.**

SEC. 8. Section 46.40.070, R.C.W., as derived from section 20, chapter 189, Laws of 1937, is amended to read as follows: **Amendment.**

Every bicycle when used during the hours of darkness shall be equipped with one lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front, and with a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, excepting that a red reflector meeting the requirements of this act may be used in lieu of a rear light. No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a **Equipment required.**
Lights.

Bell. bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of one hundred feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a bicycle, any siren or whistle. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

[Am. R.R.S. § 6360-20.]

Violation, misdemeanor.

Violation by minor under 16 not negligence per se.

SEC. 9. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in this chapter. The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That no violation of this act by any child under the age of sixteen years, or by a parent or guardian of such child shall constitute negligence *per se* in any civil action brought or defended by or in behalf of such child.

Passed the House January 29, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 13, 1951.

CHAPTER 77.

[H. B. 160.]

PUBLIC LANDS.

AN ACT relating to public lands; authorizing the withdrawal of certain tide lands from sale or lease in certain cases; authorizing the use of such tide lands as public shooting grounds and providing for the control thereof by the state game commission.

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

Commissioner public lands.

SECTION 1. The commissioner of public lands shall withdraw from sale or lease, except leave for the production of oysters or for booming purposes,