

loss as adjusted, and any other information in his possession relative to such losses which may be requested by the commissioners.

Each "adjuster" or "insurance adjuster" licensed under the provision of this section shall pay an annual fee of ten dollars (\$10.00), and all licenses issued therefor shall expire on the thirty-first day of March subsequent to the date of issue.

License fee.

Passed the House March 1, 1915.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1915.

Approved, with the exception of section 15, by the Governor March 19, 1915.

Section 15 vetoed by the Governor March 19, 1915.

CHAPTER 178.

[S. B. 301.]

REQUIRING CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR NEW PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AN ACT amending chapter 117, Session Laws of 1911, being an act entitled: "An Act relating to public service properties and utilities, providing for the regulation of the same, fixing penalties for the violation thereof, making appropriation and repealing certain acts," by adding an additional section thereto, to be known as Section 74A.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 117 of the Session Laws of 1911, known as the "Public Service Commission Law," is hereby amended by adding thereto an additional section to be known as Section 74A to read as follows:

Amends
Laws 1911,
ch. 117,
Rem.-Bal.
§§ 8626-1 to
8626-112, by
adding § 74A.

Section 74A. No new public utility to render a service similar in character and location to the service rendered by any existing public utility in this state shall be constructed, maintained or operated without first obtaining a certificate of public necessity and convenience from the commission. Upon the filing of an application for such certificate the commission shall give reasonable notice in

Certificate
authorizing
competition
with existing
public
utilities.

writing to the owner or operator of such existing public utility of the time and place when such application will be heard and after hearing and investigation if the commission finds from the evidence that public necessity and convenience require additional service the commission shall grant such certificate of public necessity and convenience to such operator as the commission shall determine.

“New public utility” defined.

The term “new public utility” when used in this section includes any public utility, whether municipally or privately owned, now or hereafter operating, or seeking to operate in this state for which no franchise or other authority to operate has been obtained, or any utility which desires to operate in a new territory, not contemplated in any franchise or authority heretofore granted, as well as any public utility which may commence operation without a franchise, or which obtains its franchise after this act takes effect.

“Public utility” defined.

The term “public utility” used in this section, means every street railroad and street railway, interurban railroad and interurban railway, electric, gas, water and steam heating plant and system, now or hereafter constructed, used to serve the public for compensation, and whether municipally or privately owned.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1915.

Passed the House March 8, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1915.