

CHAPTER 161.

[S. B. 280.]

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION.

AN ACT providing for a commission to study the cost of highway construction and maintenance which should properly be borne by each type of motor vehicle using the highways; to report to the 1935 legislature with recommendations for legislation to assess such costs against each such type in proportion to its proper share; and appropriating funds for the expenses of the commission set up herein.

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that the apportionment of special taxes among motor vehicles of various types should be based upon use of facilities required, and should be sufficient to pay their fair share of the annual costs of highways, including administration, maintenance and construction; Purpose.

It is further declared that there is not now available a sufficient collection of data upon which such proper apportionment can be based and that there is need for a scientific study of highway costs caused by providing for the various types of motor vehicles.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created a commission for the purposes hereinafter set forth, which commission shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be the director of highways, the second, a transportation engineer of reputable standing to be appointed by the governor, and the third, the director of the department of public works. Commission:
created,

SEC. 3. The said commission shall proceed to make a study of acts upon which there may be based legislation providing for the proper apportionment of highway costs among the various types of motor vehicles using the highways according to work of,

the cost caused by the use of each such type of motor vehicle.

report of,

SEC. 4. The study of the commission herein provided for shall be completed before the convening of the 1935 legislature and the commission shall report its findings to that legislature with recommendations for legislation designed to apportion the cost by taxing each type of motor vehicle as set forth in section 3 hereof.

appropriation for.

SEC. 5. The commission is hereby authorized to employ the necessary engineers, clerks and other employees to carry out its purposes, and is authorized to pay all expenses necessary in carrying out the purposes of this act, but not exceeding the sum of \$15,000.00, which is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle fund, or so much thereof as is needed for the purposes of the commission and the carrying out of this act.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1933.

Passed the House March 8, 1933.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1933.