

six months from the date the erroneous or excessive payment was made.

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CHAPTER 225.

[H. B. 233.]

CHRISTMAS TREES—UNLAWFUL TAKING—REPORTS.

AN Act relating to Christmas trees and regulating the taking and transportation thereof; prescribing penalties, and amending section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1937 and RCW 79.40.070, and section 6, chapter 112, Laws of 1937 and RCW 19.12.070.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1937 and RCW 79.40.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Unlawful to cut, break or remove for commercial purposes evergreen trees.

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any of the state lands, including all land under the jurisdiction of the state forest board, or upon any private land without the permission of the owner thereof and to cut, break or remove therefrom for commercial purposes any evergreen trees, commonly known as Christmas trees, including fir, hemlock, spruce, and pine trees. Any person cutting, breaking or removing or causing to be cut, broken or removed, or who cuts down, cuts off, breaks, tops, or destroys any of such Christmas trees shall be liable to the state, or to the private owner thereof, for payment for such trees at a price of one dollar each if payment is made immediately upon demand. Should it be necessary to institute civil action to recover the value of such trees, the state in the case of state lands, or the owner in case of private lands, may

Liability.

exact treble damages on the basis of three dollars per tree for each tree so cut or removed.

Treble damages.

SEC. 2. Section 6, chapter 112, Laws of 1937 and RCW 19.12.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Within thirty days after the first day of January of each year every person, firm or corporation shipping Christmas trees shall file with the state supervisor of forestry a written report subscribed and sworn to before any officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds, showing the number of Christmas trees shipped or transported and sold outside of the state during the preceding calendar year, the name of the person, firm or corporation from whom the said trees were acquired, the legal description of the property from which such trees were cut, and the states to which they were shipped.

Shippers file report subscribed and sworn to.

Contents of report.

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CHAPTER 226.

[H. B. 317.]

STATE FUNDS—SUSPENSE FUND CREATED.

AN ACT relating to state governments; creating a suspense fund in the state treasury; authorizing the transfer of moneys and records; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is established in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the suspense fund. All moneys which heretofore have been deposited with the state treasurer in the state treasurer's suspense fund, and moneys hereafter received which are contingent on some future action, or which cover overpayments and are to be refunded to the

Suspense fund.