

the support of the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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Passed the House April 6, 1963.

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CHAPTER 8.

[H. B. 60.]

DISEASED ANIMALS—DESTRUCTION AND INDEMNITY— FEDERAL COOPERATION.

AN ACT relating to animal diseases; providing for the slaughtering or destruction of diseased animals and indemnity therefor; adding a new section to chapter 165, Laws of 1927 and chapter 16.36 RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 165, Laws of 1927 and chapter 16.36 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Diseased animals—Cooperative programs to eradicate—Indemnity payments.

The director of agriculture, in order to protect the public health and welfare, may enter into cooperative programs with the federal government or agencies thereof for the prevention or eradication of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease which is affecting or which may affect the health of the animal population of this state.

The director of agriculture, upon entering into such cooperative programs for the prevention or eradication of such a disease, may order the slaughter or destruction of any animal affected with or exposed to such a disease and pay indemnities to the owner of such animal. The payment of indemnities provided for in this section shall be applicable only to animals condemned or slaughtered pursuant to the provisions of this section and shall not be applicable when the director of agriculture orders the

condemnation and slaughter of any animal under any other provision of this chapter or any other law of the state. The director of agriculture may pay an indemnity in an amount not to exceed fifty percent of the value of the animal ordered slaughtered or destroyed and such amount shall not exceed one hundred dollars, less any salvage value accruing to the owner of the animal slaughtered or destroyed: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall be applicable only when the cooperating agency agrees to pay an amount equal to the amount the director of agriculture has ordered paid to such owner or any amount in excess of such amount up to at least fifty percent of the difference between the appraised value of the animal ordered destroyed or slaughtered and any amount received by the owner of such animal as salvage. Proviso.

In ordering the slaughter or destruction of any animals pursuant to this section, the provisions for payment of indemnity shall not apply to animals (1) belonging to the federal government or any of its agencies, this state or political subdivision thereof, or any municipal corporation; and (2) to any animals which have been brought into this state and have been in this state for a period of less than six months before being ordered slaughtered or destroyed by the director of agriculture.

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Passed the Senate April 3, 1963.

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