

CHAPTER 187.

[H. B. 325.]

COMMUNITY LIVESTOCK SALES.

AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture; defining and regulating community livestock sales; providing for issuance of permits; providing for revocation of permits; providing for health and brand inspection of livestock; providing for the establishment of a community sales fund; providing for the appointment of inspectors; providing for the payment of brand and health inspection fees.

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

SECTION 1. The term "community livestock sale" shall mean and include all stockyards, sales pavilions, transit yards or other assembling places where one or more persons engage in the sale, barter or trading of livestock for other than immediate slaughter, whether by private treaty or public auction or on a commission basis: *Provided*, That stockyards operating under the Federal Packers and Stockyards Act shall be exempt from the provisions of this act: *And provided further*, That community livestock sale shall not mean or include a farmer selling his own livestock on his own premises through means of an auction sale.

Definition.

Exemptions.

SEC. 2. No person, firm or corporation shall operate a community livestock sale unless he has first secured a permit from the Director of Agriculture to operate the sale. Such permits shall be issued annually without charge and shall be subject to revocation with notice by the Director of Agriculture for failure to comply with laws and regulations relating to the sale of livestock and the sanitation and supervision of community livestock sales.

Permit.

SEC. 3. All community livestock sales shall be under the supervision of the Director of Agriculture. The Director of Agriculture shall appoint one or more inspectors to examine all livestock assem-

Supervision
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ture.

Regulations. bled at a community livestock sale. The Director of Agriculture shall promulgate and enforce reasonable regulations for the operation of community sales.

Fees. SEC. 4. The operator of each community livestock sale shall collect from the consignor and pay to the Director of Agriculture a fee for brand and/or clinical health inspection for each animal consigned to the community livestock sale on the following basis:

Cattle ten cents (\$.10) per head
 Horses ten cents (\$.10) per head
 Mules ten cents (\$.10) per head
 Sheep three cents (\$.03) per head
 Swine five cents (\$.05) per head
 Poultry two cents (\$.02) per head
 Rabbits two cents (\$.02) per head

Maximum fee to be collected.

Provided, That if the total fees collected from the consignor on brand and/or clinical health inspection on all livestock inspected, on any one day, does not amount to ten dollars (\$10) or more, then the minimum fee of ten dollars (\$10) per day shall be paid by the community sales operator: *And providing further*, That fees necessary for the testing, vaccinating, or brand inspection to the purchaser shall be in addition to the fee charged to the consignor for brand and/or health inspection, shall be collected by the sales operator, shall be paid to the Director of Agriculture, and shall not apply on the ten dollars (\$10) minimum fee.

Fees to be retained for credit to department.

All fees paid to the Director of Agriculture, as provided in this act, shall be retained by the Director and credited to the Department of Agriculture fund to be expended in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Saving clause.

SEC. 5. If any section or provision of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole, nor any section, sentence, phrase,

or word thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Passed the House March 3, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1947.

CHAPTER 188.

[H. B. 488]

STATE INSTITUTIONS—FIRE PROTECTION.

AN ACT relating to state institutions; authorizing contracts with nearby cities or towns for fire protection; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The officer, department or agency having control of the financial affairs of state institutions may enter into an agreement with a city or town adjacent to any state institution for fire protection for such institution.

Agreements
with adjacent
city or town.

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

Effective
immediately.

Passed the House March 4, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1947.

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