

CHAPTER 168.

[S. S. B. 90.]

ADOPTION OF PURE FOOD AND DRUG STANDARDS.

AN ACT facilitating the enforcement of the laws against adulteration and misbranding of foods and drugs, authorizing the commissioner of agriculture to adopt, publish and enforce standards of quality, purity and strength of foods and drugs, and rules and regulations governing the adulteration and misbranding of foods and drugs, and prescribing rules of evidence in prosecutions for violations of laws against the adulteration and misbranding of foods and drugs, or in proceedings for the condemnation of adulterated or misbranded foods and drugs.

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

SECTION 1. The commissioner of agriculture shall, from time to time, with the approval of the agricultural advisory board, adopt, publish and enforce reasonable and uniform rules and regulations against the adulteration and misbranding of foods and drugs, and shall adopt, publish and enforce, as the standards of this state, the standards of quality, purity and strength adopted and applied by the United States department of agriculture, in the enforcement of the laws of the United States against the adulteration and misbranding of foods and drugs, except in cases where other standards are specifically prescribed by the laws of this state.

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SEC. 2. The standards of quality, purity and strength of foods and drugs, and the rules and regulations against adulteration and misbranding of foods and drugs adopted by the commissioner of agriculture, as in this act provided, shall be recorded and indexed by the commissioner of agriculture in well bound books to be kept in his office as public records, and shall take effect at the expiration of thirty days from the date of their adoption, and it shall be the duty of the commissioner of agriculture to cause said standards, rules and regulations, and the amendments and additional standards, rules and regulations adopted from time to time, to be published

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in pamphlet form for general distribution to manufacturers and dealers in foods and drugs.

SEC. 3. In any prosecution for the violation of the laws of this state against adulteration or misbranding of foods and drugs, and in any proceedings for the condemnation of adulterated or misbranded foods or drugs, it shall be competent to prove that the standards of quality, purity and strength adopted by the commissioner of agriculture, as in this act provided, have not been complied with, and proof of that fact shall be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of the law against the adulteration or misbranding of foods and drugs.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1917.

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CHAPTER 169.

[S. B. 287.]

AMENDMENT OF FISHERIES CODE.

AN ACT amending sections 6, 12, 21, 23, 24, 25, 38, 46, 48, 51, 52, 54, 58, 63, 65, 66, 71, 77, 88, 93, 96, 99 and 100, and repealing section 60 of Chapter 31 of the Laws of 1915 of the legislature of the State of Washington, known as the "Fisheries Code" of said state, and adding thereto an additional section defining certain terms therein, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 6 of chapter 31 of the Laws of 1915 be amended to read as follows:

Section 6. The commissioner shall devote his time to the duties of his office and shall enforce the laws for the propagation, protection and preservation of food, shell, game and commercial fishes. He shall purchase, construct, charter and operate the boats necessary to properly patrol the waters of the state in the enforcement of the laws. He shall have charge and control of and oper-

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