

ment shall be ascertained separately, as near as may be, and the assessment rates shall be computed on the basis of said cost and expense in each said unit.

Ordinance may specify other method.

Whenever the nature of the improvement is such that the special benefits conferred on the property are not fairly reflected by the use of the afore-said termini and zone method, the ordinance ordering the improvement may provide that the assessment shall be made against the property of the district in accordance with the special benefits it will derive from the improvement without regard to the zone and termini method herein provided.

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## CHAPTER 156.

[ H. B. 164. ]

### CONTROL OF INSECT PESTS AND PLANT DISEASES.

AN ACT to prevent the introduction of insect pests and plant diseases and to control and/or eradicate insect pests and plant diseases in the State of Washington; authorizing the Director of Agriculture to acquire property for certain designated uses; validating certain proceedings heretofore had and done by the Director of Agriculture and/or the Division of Horticulture; to establish a system of certifying nursery stock; prescribing the duties of certain officials; making an appropriation, and providing that this act shall take effect April 1, 1947.

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

Authority to apply quarantine controls.

SECTION 1. The Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington, and the Supervisor of Horticulture of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Washington, are authorized and empowered to apply such quarantine control methods as may be necessary to prevent the introduction of insect pests or plant diseases including the virus disease

known as potato leaf roll that may be destructive to the agricultural or horticultural industries of the State of Washington, and to apply such methods as may be necessary for quarantine, and/or eradication, and/or control of insect pests or plant diseases that are now established or later become established in the State of Washington that may seriously endanger the agricultural or horticultural industries of the State of Washington.

SEC. 2. The Director of Agriculture and the Supervisor of Horticulture are authorized to cooperate with any individual, group of citizens, municipalities and counties of the State of Washington, the State College of Washington or any of its experiment stations, and/or with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States and such agencies as the Secretary may designate, and/or with any other state or states, agency or group the Director of Agriculture may designate, to carry out the provisions of this act.

Cooperation  
with others.

SEC. 3. The Director of Agriculture shall have the power and authority to acquire in fee or in trust, by gift, or, whenever funds are appropriated for such purpose, by purchase, easement, lease or condemnation, such lands or other property, water supplies, and rights of way therefor, and the maintenance of same, as may be deemed necessary for the use of the Department of Agriculture in establishing quarantine stations, and/or farms for the purpose of the prevention, eradication, elimination and control of insect pests or plant diseases that infect the agricultural or horticultural products of the State of Washington.

Acquisition  
of sites for  
quarantine  
stations.

SEC. 4. The Director of Agriculture is authorized to enter into agreements with individuals, associations and companies for the purpose of certifying nursery stock grown under the rules and regulations

Agreements  
to certify  
stock.

Fees for services.

promulgated by the Director of Agriculture and, from time to time, to fix, change and adjust fees for such services rendered, and any agricultural and horticultural commodities incidentally produced in any operation hereunder and sold, said fees to be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the general fund. All actions of the Director of Agriculture and/or the Department of Agriculture in accepting deeds from any individual or group of individuals for any of the purposes heretofore specifically enumerated are, from the date of the acceptance of such deed, hereby ratified and validated.

Acceptance of deeds ratified.

May furnish funds.

SEC. 5. The Director of Agriculture, acting by and through the Supervisor of Horticulture of the State of Washington, may, in his discretion, provide funds for technical or scientific services, labor, materials and supplies for the purposes specified in sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated the sum of two hundred and ninety-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$299,500), or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund of the State Treasury for the Department of Agriculture, to be used by the Division of Horticulture, State Department of Agriculture, for the purposes specified in this act.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1947.

Passed the House March 8, 1947.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1947.