Sec. 9. Section 15.76.010, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, chapter 34, Laws of 1947; section 15.76.020, R.C.W., as derived from section 2, chapter 48, Laws of 1941; sections 15.76.030 and 15.76.040, R.C.W., as derived from section 3, chapter 48, Laws of 1941, are repealed.

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CHAPTER 61.
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REGULATING USE OF INSECTICIDES AND HERBICIDES.
AN ACT relating to commercial applicators using insecticides or herbicides and regulating use of the same, and amending sections 17.20.010, 17.20.020, 17.20.030, and 17.20.040, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17.20.010, R.C.W., as derived from chapter 120, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter:
“Director” means the director of agriculture;
“Commercial applicator” is one who applies insecticides or herbicides to crops other than his own.

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bees, crops and livestock when applied by commercial applicators;

(3) Prescribe and enforce such reasonable regulations which he shall deem necessary to protect pollinating insects, bees, crops and livestock from the use of insecticides and/or herbicides;

(4) Define areas within which insecticides and herbicides, or any of them, may not be used;

(5) Prescribe and enforce reasonable regulations applicable to the use of insecticides and herbicides by commercial applicators in any area.


Sec. 3. Section 17.20.030, R.C.W., as derived from chapter 120, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

The director shall hold such hearings in any area as he shall deem necessary. Any county agent or ten or more interested persons in any area within a county or two or more counties, may request the director to issue special regulations applicable only to such area. The director shall give notice of the hearing by publication in a newspaper in the county or counties in which the area is situated for two successive weekly issues, the first of which shall be at least ten days before the hearing.

At the hearing all interested persons shall be heard. The director may then make and promulgate such reasonable regulations applicable only to such county, counties or area as he shall deem necessary to protect pollinating insects, bees, crops and livestock from injury from the use of insecticides or herbicides.


Sec. 4. Section 17.20.040, R.C.W., as derived from chapter 120, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

Commercial applicators shall procure from the director an annual license, and pay therefor a fee
of not more than twenty dollars, the proceeds of which shall be used exclusively for the enforcement of this act.

Licenses shall expire on December thirty-first following issuance, unless sooner revoked for cause, and shall not be transferable. The director may revoke or suspend a license if he finds that the licensee has violated any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued hereunder.


Sec. 5. None of the provisions of this act shall apply to the use of liquid herbicides in the control of weed trees and forest insects on authorized tree farms.

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CHAPTER 62.
[H. B. 9.]

TAX LEVIES IN WATER DISTRICTS.

An Act relating to general tax levies in water districts, amending section 57.20.100, R.C.W.

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

Section 1. Section 57.20.100, R.C.W., as derived from section 18, chapter 114, Laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

A district may in addition to the levy mentioned in section 57.20.010, levy a general tax on all property located in the district each year not to exceed two mills on the assessed valuation of the property: Provided, That such general tax levy may be increased to not exceed four mills in water districts maintaining a fire department as authorized by sec-