Charge, conviction or sentence determines degree of crime on escape or attempt to escape.

Every prisoner confined in a prison, or being in the lawful custody of an officer or other person, who escapes or attempts to escape from such prison or custody if he is held on a charge, conviction, or sentence of a felony, shall be guilty of a felony; if held on a charge, conviction, or sentence of a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 321.
[S. B. 223.]

ANIMALS—FUR FARMING.

AN ACT relating to certain fur bearing animals; giving authority to the director of agriculture in connection therewith; repealing sections 70 and 71, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, section 1, chapter 142, Laws of 1949 and RCW 77.20.070 through RCW 77.20.090.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 6 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 16 RCW.

Definitions.

"Director."
"Department."
"Person."

"Fur farming."

Fur farming deemed agricultural pursuit.

SEC. 2. As used in this chapter:
"Director" means director of agriculture.
"Department" means department of agriculture.
"Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation, trust, association, copartnership, society, or other organization of individuals and any other business unit, device or arrangement.

"Fur farming" means breeding, raising and rearing of mink, marten, fox and chinchilla in captivity or enclosures.

SEC. 3. Fur farming shall be deemed an agricultural pursuit and the director is hereby authorized
to exercise quarantine controls over such forms in accordance with the provisions of this title. Facilities available to the department may be used by the director in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 4. All fox, mink and marten that have been lawfully imported or acquired, or bred or reared in captivity or enclosures, are declared to be personal property. Any person hereafter acquiring any such fur bearing animals in the wild state, shall within ten days furnish satisfactory proof to the director that such animals were lawfully obtained. Such wild animals shall not become personal property under the provisions of this section until such proof is furnished.

Sec. 5. The owners of any fox, mink, or marten may mark them by branding with tattoo or other marks for the purpose of identification, but no person shall be entitled to ownership in or rights under any particular branding marks unless and until the branding marks are recorded with the department in the same manner and with like effect as brands of other animals are recorded as provided in chapter 16.56 RCW.

Sec. 6. Each person engaged in fur farming in this state shall register with the department on a form to be provided giving the location of the fur farm, name, and address of the owner and such other information and at such times as the department may by regulation require.

Sec. 7. Sections 70 and 71, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, section 1, chapter 142, Laws of 1949 and RCW 77.20.070 through RCW 77.20.090 are each repealed.

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