

CHAPTER 91.

[H. B. 320.]

MEAT INSPECTION—CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING.

AN ACT relating to meat inspection; providing penalties; making an exemption; and adding four new sections to chapter 204, Laws of 1959 and chapter 16.49 RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is hereby added to chapter 204, Laws of 1959 and chapter 16.49 RCW the following new section:

Custom slaughtering house to slaughter livestock owned by consumer. Operators license.

When an official establishment as provided for in this act is not readily available in remote areas for the custom slaughtering of livestock, for the owner of such livestock for his own use, and it is not feasible to establish or maintain such an establishment because of economic factors, including the cost of maintaining veterinary inspection in such an establishment, the director may issue a limited license for the operation of a custom slaughtering establishment, having a fixed location, for the sole purpose of slaughtering livestock owned by the consumer, and which will be for the consumer's own use. Such custom slaughtering establishment shall be exempt from the provisions of this act relating to official establishments.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is hereby added to chapter 204, Laws of 1959 and chapter 16.49 RCW the following new section:

License.

No person shall operate a custom slaughtering establishment without first establishing the need for such an establishment and obtaining an annual license, expiring on June 30th, from the director and the payment of a twenty-five dollar license fee. If an application for renewal of the license provided for in this section is not filed prior to July 1st of any

Penalty for late renewal.

one year, a penalty of ten dollars shall be assessed and added to the original fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the renewal license shall be issued: *Provided*, That such penalty shall not apply if the applicant furnishes an affidavit that he has not operated such custom slaughtering establishment subsequent to the expiration of his prior license.

The application shall be on a form prescribed by the director and shall contain the following: **Application, contents.**

- (1) The location of the facility to be used.
- (2) The day or days of intended operation.
- (3) The distance to the closest official establishment as provided for in this act.
- (4) Whether the facility already exists or is to be constructed.
- (5) Any other matters that the director may require.

Upon receipt of such application the director shall consult with the meat inspection advisory board as provided for in RCW 16.49.070 and provide for a hearing to be held in the area where the applicant intends to operate a custom slaughtering establishment. Such hearing shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW as enacted or hereafter amended concerning contested cases. Upon the director's determination that such a custom slaughtering establishment is necessary in the area applied for and that the applicant has satisfied all other requirements of this act relating to custom slaughtering establishments including minimum facility requirements as prescribed by the director, the director shall issue a limited license to such applicant to operate such an establishment. When and if an official establishment is located and operated in the area, the director may deny renewal of the limited license subject to a hearing. **Hearing.** **Administrative procedures act to apply.**

New section SEC. 3. There is hereby added to chapter 204, Laws of 1959 and chapter 16.49 RCW the following new section:

Unlawful operation. It shall be unlawful for a licensed custom slaughterer to allow any meat to be removed from his establishment unless it has been roll-stamped with the words "not inspected—custom plant No." in a manner provided by the director. It shall also be unlawful to operate an establishment which is unclean and unsanitary and not maintained and equipped in accordance with regulations issued by the director regulating the operation of custom slaughtering establishments. The director shall have the right of entry and inspection to such custom slaughtering establishments and meat contained therein as provided in RCW 16.49.200 concerning official establishments. Any such meat shall be subject to the provisions of RCW 16.49.210.

Right of entry and inspection.

New section. SEC. 4. There is hereby added to chapter 204, Laws of 1959 and chapter 16.49 RCW the following new section:

Denial, suspension, revocation of license, grounds. The director is authorized to deny, suspend, or revoke any limited license, where such licensee has violated any provisions of the law relating to custom slaughtering establishments or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The director may bring an action to enjoin the violation or threatened violation of any provision of this act or rules adopted hereunder in the superior court of Thurston county, or where the plant is located, notwithstanding the existence of any other remedy at law.

Injunctive process available.

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