

from Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as in the case of an original application. Any such application which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

(3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the period from January 1st through February 1st may, not earlier than December 1st, but prior to January 1st, secure renewal of a vehicle license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, including a special handling fee of one dollar; fifty cents to be retained by the issuing agency, and fifty cents to be deposited in the highway safety fund, and excise tax as may be required by law.

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CHAPTER 76  
[Engrossed House Bill No. 98]  
HORTICULTURE INSPECTION

AN ACT Relating to horticulture; amending section 15.04.100, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.04.100; amending section 23, chapter 122, Laws of 1963 and RCW 15.17.230; and amending section 25, chapter 122, Laws of 1963 and RCW 15.17.250.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 15.04.100, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.04.100 are each amended to read as follows:

The director shall establish a horticulture inspection trust fund to be derived from horticulture inspection district funds. The director shall adjust district payments so that the balance in the

trust fund shall not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars. The director is authorized to make payments from the trust fund to:

(1) Pay fees and expenses provided in the inspection agreement between the state department of agriculture and the agricultural marketing service of the United States department of agriculture;

(2) Pay portions of salaries of inspectors-at-large as provided under RCW 15.04.040;

(3) Assist (~~(horticultural)~~) horticulture inspection districts in temporary financial distress as result of less than normal production of horticultural commodities ((-)) : PROVIDED, That districts receiving such assistance shall make repayment to the trust fund as district funds shall permit;

(4) Pay necessary administrative expenses for the division of plant industry attributable to the supervision of the horticulture inspection services.

Sec. 2. Section 23, chapter 122, Laws of 1963 and RCW 15.17-.230 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this chapter the state shall be divided into the following (~~(horticultural)~~) horticulture inspection districts to which the director may assign one or more inspectors-at-large who as a representative of the director shall supervise and administer regulatory and inspection affairs of the districts:

District One: Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, Whitman, Benton, Franklin

District Two: Spokane, Lincoln, Stevens, Ferry, Pend Oreille

District Three: Adams, Grant

District Four: Chelan, southern portion of Douglas

District Five: Yakima, Kittitas, Klickitat, Skamania

District Six: Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum

District Seven: Lewis, Pacific, Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor

District Eight: Pierce, Kitsap, Jefferson, Clallam

District Nine: King

District Ten: Whatcom, Snohomish, San Juan, Skagit, Island

District Eleven: Okanogan, northern portion of Douglas  
: PROVIDED, That for purposes of efficiency and economy the director may  
by rule promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act  
adjust district boundaries or abolish any district: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,  
That there shall be at least six districts in existence at all times.

Sec. 3. Section 25, chapter 122, Laws of 1963 and RCW 15.17.250  
 are each amended to read as follows:

On the thirtieth day of June of each year the inspectors-at-large  
 shall render to the commissioners of every county in which such service  
 has been rendered in their districts, a complete account of the past year's  
 business. ~~((Should there remain on hand in any horticultural dis-~~  
~~trict fund after all expenses for said services have been paid,~~  
~~amounts in excess of these in the following schedule, they shall~~  
~~be returned to the contributors to the fund in proportion to the~~  
~~amount each contributed, Schedule: Districts 2, 6, and 7, each~~  
~~twenty-five thousand dollars, districts 1 and 8, each thirty thousand~~  
~~dollars, districts 9 and 10, each fifty thousand dollars, district 11,~~  
~~seventy-five thousand dollars, and districts 3, 4, and 5, each one~~  
~~hundred thousand dollars)) In the event that there is money remaining  
in any horticulture district fund after all expenses for such services  
have been paid, then, this amount shall be remitted to the contribu-  
tors to such fund to the extent that it is in excess of fifty percent  
of the greater of the following amounts: (1) the gross fee income  
of the district for the fiscal year from which said excess remains;  
(2) the higher gross fee income of the two fiscal years immediately  
preceding the fiscal year from which said excess remains: PROVIDED,  
That any remittance to a contributor under this section shall be in  
proportion to the amount such person contributed.~~

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