CHAPTER 8
[Senate Bill No. 2447]
SOFT TREE FRUITS—ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS

AN ACT Relating to soft tree fruits; and amending section 15.28.180, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 15.28.180.

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

Section 1. Section 15.28.180, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 15.28.180 are each amended to read as follows:

The same assessment shall be made for each soft tree fruit, except that if a two-thirds majority of the state commodity committee of any fruit recommends in writing the levy of an additional assessment on such fruit, or any classification thereof, for any year or years, the commission may levy such assessment for such year or years up to the maximum of ((two)) six dollars for each two thousand pounds of any fruit except cherries or any classification thereof, as to which the assessment may be increased to a maximum of ((ten)) twenty dollars for each two thousand pounds, and except pears covered by this chapter as now or hereafter amended, as to which the assessment may be increased to a maximum of ((three)) nine dollars for each two thousand pounds: PROVIDED, That no increase in such assessment on pears shall become effective unless the same shall be first referred by the commission to a referendum by the Bartlett pear growers of the state and be approved by a majority of such growers voting thereon. The method and procedure of conducting such referendum shall be determined by the commission. Any funds so raised shall be expended solely for the purposes provided in this chapter and solely for such fruit, or classification thereof.

The commission shall have the authority in its discretion to exempt in whole or in part from future assessments hereunder, during such period as the commission may prescribe, any of the said soft tree fruits or any particular strain or classification thereof.

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CHAPTER 9
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2175]
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES—SALES AND DISPENSING