

CHAPTER 148.

[H. B. 354.]

LIVESTOCK BRANDS.

AN ACT relating to the identification of livestock; and amending section 8, chapter 54, Laws of 1959 and RCW 16.57.080; and declaring an emergency.

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

RCW 16.57.080
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 8, chapter 54, Laws of 1959 and RCW 16.57.080 are each amended to read as follows:

Brand renewal
—Fee—Effect
of failure.

The director shall, on or before the first day of September 1960, and every five years thereafter, notify by letter the owners of brands then of record, that on the payment of two dollars and application of renewal, the director shall issue a renewal receipt granting the brand owner exclusive ownership and use of such brand for another five year period. Failure of the registered owner to pay the renewal fee within six months shall cause the director to notify the registered owner by certified mail at his last known address. The failure of the registered owner to pay the renewal fee within three months after notification by certified mail shall cause such owner's brand to become a part of the public domain: *Provided*, That for a period of three years following such reversion to the public domain, the brand shall not be reissued to any person other than the registered owner.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 9, 1961.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1961.