

CHAPTER 198.

[H. B. 208.]

TRANSPORTATION AND SLAUGHTERING OF LIVESTOCK.

AN ACT relating to inspection and slaughtering of livestock; providing for inspection fees and payment of inspectors; establishing inspection points; providing for presentation and inspection of livestock at designated places; requiring proof of ownership; declaring certain animals to be estrays; providing for sale of same; prescribing penalties; and amending sections 6, 14 and 15 of chapter 75 of the Laws of 1937 (sections 3169-6, 3169-14 and 3169-15 of Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. That section 6 of chapter 75, of the Session Laws of 1937 be amended to read as follows:

Section 6. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the slaughtering of animals not coming within the definition of section 5, and not operating from a recognized permanent location from which such business is carried on shall not offer for sale dressed carcasses of meat food animals unless such carcasses are accompanied by the hides thereof with tails and ears attached and must exhibit the brands and tattoo marks, if any, at the time such animals are presented or offered for sale, and shall execute a certificate of permit stating that he is the rightful owner or agent thereof, entitled to the possession of such carcasses, and copies of certificates of permit shall be handled in the manner prescribed in section 2. The above shall not apply to farmers slaughtering animals for their own consumption but shall apply if such farmer offers carcasses for sale or from peddler conveyances, and a certificate of permit must be executed stating that he is the rightful owner or agent thereof, entitled to possession of such carcasses, and copies of certificates of permit shall be handled in the manner prescribed in section 2.

Amends § 6,
ch. 75, Laws
1937.

Require-
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location not
permanent.

SEC. 2. That section 14 of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1937 be amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 14, ch. 75,
Laws 1937.

Section 14. The Director of Agriculture shall appoint such clerical and other employees as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of the administration of this act. He shall employ and appoint brand inspectors under the provisions of this act wherever he deems it necessary for the enforcement of this act and such inspectors shall make inspections of brands and earmarks of livestock and make inspections for other markings and shall inspect hides and slaughter houses and animals being slaughtered at slaughter houses. Inspectors or agents so employed by the Director of Agriculture shall have the right to enter in the day or night time any slaughter house or any other place where cattle are killed in this state and to carefully examine the same, and all books and records required by law to be kept therein, and to compare the hides found therein with such records. The Director of Agriculture shall designate points or places where inspectors will be maintained and where livestock shall be presented for inspection. It shall be unlawful to hinder or obstruct or resist the director or his authorized representatives in the performance of any of the duties required by this act.

Director of
agriculture
to appoint
employees.

Inspection.

All agents or inspectors so appointed by the director under the provisions of this act shall have authority to arrest without warrant persons found in the act or whom they have good reason to believe to be guilty of driving, holding or slaughtering stolen cattle, horses, mules or asses, or of violating the inspection laws of the state, and all such inspectors shall have authority to make arrests without warrants in any county in the state: *Provided*, That all persons so arrested shall be turned over to the local officers as soon as possible following such arrests.

Authority
to arrest
without
warrant.

Inspection
fee.

SEC. 3. Compensation for the services of inspectors or agents so appointed shall be paid by the owner or person in charge of such livestock or hides when inspected. The fee or charge for the inspection of cattle or hides shall be ten cents (\$.10) per head and such fee or charge shall be a lien upon the cattle or hides inspected until the same shall be paid.

Proof of
ownership.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any owner or other person to have in their possession any cattle, horses, mules or asses branded with a legally recorded brand or tattoo of another person, firm or corporation, unless such owner or other person shall have in his possession a "Certificate of Permit" properly executed and signed by the owner of the recorded brand or in lieu thereof an official "Brand Inspection Certificate" or a bill of sale properly acknowledged from the previous owner or owners of the animals carrying such brands, or from the heirs, executors, administrators, or legal representatives of such owner or owners or shall have other satisfactory proof of ownership.

Animals
presented for
inspection
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proof of
ownership
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estrays.

SEC. 5. All unbranded cattle, horses, mules and asses and those which do not bear the brand or tattoo of the person presenting the same for inspection and are not accompanied by a certificate of permit or other satisfactory proof of ownership, as required by this act, showing the person presenting the same for inspection to be lawfully in possession of same are hereby declared to be estrays, and shall be sold by the Director of Agriculture or his authorized agent who shall give the purchaser a bill of sale for such animal or animals.

The proceeds from the sale of said cattle after paying the cost thereof shall be paid to the Director of Agriculture. The director shall make a record showing the brands or brands and marks and other means of identification of such animals and the

amount realized from the sale of same. All money so received by the director shall be retained by the director until paid to the owner of the estray. If, after the expiration of one (1) year from date of such sale no claim is made, said money shall be paid to the State Treasurer and by him credited to the Department of Agriculture fund to be expended in carrying out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 6. That section 15 of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1937 be amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 15, ch. 75,
Laws 1937.

Section 15. Any person or persons found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act and of chapter 156 of the Session Laws of 1935 shall be punished as prescribed by law for such offense and any person or persons who shall fail to perform any of the mandatory duties required by these acts shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty.

Passed the House March 7, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1939.

CHAPTER 199.

[H. B. 227.]

WASHINGTON STATE HONEY ACT.

AN ACT to regulate the sale, transportation, loading, packing, marketing and disposal of honey; to prevent fraud and deception therein; giving authority to the Director to establish standards for honey; providing for a Washington state honey seal and its use; providing means of enforcement; and providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be known and cited as the Washington State Honey Act.

Short title.

SEC. 2. The term "director" means the Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington or his duly authorized representative.

"Director."