

CHAPTER 227.

[H. B. 338.]

FRESH FIELD GROWN TOMATOES.

AN ACT relating to fresh field grown tomatoes; and adding three new sections to chapter 15.16 RCW; providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 15.16 RCW, New section.
a new section to read as follows:

No person shall ship or transport from the area of production fresh field grown tomatoes in closed containers unless they have been inspected by a state horticultural inspector and found to comply with the obligatory rules and regulations as adopted and promulgated by the director of agriculture pursuant to the terms of RCW 15.16.010, 15.16.020 and 15.16.030, and if they comply with the standards as set forth in the regulations and an inspection fee is paid as provided in section 2 of this act, a permit to ship shall be granted: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to tomatoes in open containers. Inspection fee. Proviso.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 15.16 RCW, a New section.
new section to read as follows:

The director of agriculture shall fix reasonable fees to cover the cost of the inspection provided in section 1 of this act, which shall be collected at the time of inspection and placed in a horticultural fund. Cost of inspection fee.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 15.16 RCW, a New section.
new section to read as follows:

Any violation of this act shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. Violation, misdemeanor.

Passed the House March 9, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1955.