

time other than between the first and fifteenth of July of any year.

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## CHAPTER 161.

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### DOMESTIC ANIMAL DISEASES.

AN ACT relating to diseases of domestic animals; eliminating a requirement for inspectors; and amending section 11, chapter 165, Laws of 1927, as last amended by section 9, chapter 172, Laws of 1947 and RCW 16.40.010.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11, chapter 165, Laws of 1927, as last amended by section 9, chapter 172, Laws of 1947, and RCW 16.40.010 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 16.40.010 amended.

The director of agriculture of the state shall cause all bovine animals within the state to be examined and tested for the presence or absence of tuberculosis and/or Bang's disease, and such other tests necessary to prevent the spread of communicable diseases among livestock. Such tests and examinations shall be made under the supervision of the director of agriculture by any duly authorized veterinary inspector of the department of agriculture, such tests to be made in such manner, and at such reasonable and seasonable times, and in such counties or localities as the director of agriculture may from time to time prescribe.

Tests required.

The giving of such tests and examinations shall commence immediately upon the taking effect of this act in any county or counties which the director

Petition  
for tests.

Order  
of tests.

of agriculture may select: *Provided, however,* That the owners of a majority of the bovine animals in any county, as shown by the last assessment roll in such county, may petition the director of agriculture to have the bovine animals in the county of their residence tested and examined forthwith, said petition to be filed with the county auditor in the county where such animals are located, and it shall be the duty of the county auditor of such county immediately upon the filing of such a petition to forward to the director of agriculture a certified copy of such petition. The director of agriculture upon receipt of the first petition so filed shall immediately cause the bovine animals in such county to be tested, and tuberculin and/or Bang's disease tests in other counties shall be made under the direction of the director of agriculture in the order in which said petitions are filed as herein provided except when in the opinion of the director of agriculture an emergency exists, by reason of the outbreak of contagious or infectious diseases of animals, and in such event all or any portion of the tests being conducted in the state may be suspended until such time as the director of agriculture shall decide that such emergency no longer exists, and in such event the testing and examinations herein mentioned shall be renewed.

In the event that no petition to have tuberculin and/or Bang's disease tests of bovine animals made is filed with the county auditor, as herein provided, or in the event that such tests, in the counties having petitioned for such tests, as herein prescribed, are completed, the director of agriculture shall designate in what counties or localities such tests shall be made.

Quarantine  
of premises.

Whenever the owner of any untested bovine animal within the state refuses to have his bovine animal or animals tested then the director of agricul-

ture may order the premises or farm on which such untested animal or animals is harbored to be put in quarantine, so that no domestic animal shall be removed from or brought to the premises quarantined, and so that no products of the domestic animals on the premises so quarantined shall be removed from the said premises.

Every inspector and veterinarian of the department of agriculture making examinations and tests, as provided in this section, shall be a veterinarian duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in this state: *Provided*, That the veterinary inspectors of the United States bureau of animal industry, may be appointed by the director of agriculture to make such examinations and tuberculin tests as herein provided, and when so employed they shall act without compensation, and shall possess the same power and authority in this state as a veterinary inspector of the department of agriculture.

Inspectors,  
veterinarians.

Should the owner or owners of any bovine animals desire to select a duly licensed and accredited veterinarian, approved by the director of agriculture, for making such examination and tests in accordance with the provisions of this act, the owner or owners shall pay all expenses in connection with such examinations and tests.

Owner  
selecting  
veterinarian  
pays expense.

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