

ing contained in this act shall be construed as giving the Chief of the Washington State Patrol the right to demote or to reduce the rank of any officer of the Washington State Patrol who is holding such office at the time this act becomes effective. Proviso.

SEC. 6. Chapter 25, Laws of 1933, is amended by adding a new section, after section 3, to be known as section 3-E, reading as follows: Amendment.

Section 3-E. The minimum monthly salary that shall be paid to state patrol officers shall be as follows: Officers, three hundred dollars (\$300); staff or technical sergeants, three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325); line sergeants, three hundred fifty dollars (\$350); lieutenants, three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375); and captains, four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$425). Minimum salaries for officers.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace and safety, and the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1949. Emergency.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1949.

Passed the House March 5, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.

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## CHAPTER 193.

[ S. B. 247. ]

### HORTICULTURE.

AN ACT relating to horticulture; and amending section 13, chapter 141, Laws of 1921, as amended; establishing a program of tent caterpillar eradication; making an appropriation and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13, chapter 141, Laws of 1921, as last amended by section 1, chapter 63, Laws of Amendment.

1947 (sec. 2872, Rem. Supp. 1947), is amended to read as follows:

Director of Agriculture, Assistant Director, and Inspector-at-Large to provide inspectors.

Section 13. The Director of Agriculture, Assistant Director, and Inspector-at-Large are authorized and empowered to appoint Horticultural Inspectors upon application of a financially interested party for certificate inspection service or other inspection on certain specified fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, or other horticultural products, and such Horticultural Inspectors are authorized and empowered to inspect, or inspect, investigate and certify to shippers and other interested parties, the quality, grade and condition of the fruit, vegetables, nursery stock, or other horticultural products specified in the application and the cars in which they are loaded. Such inspection and investigation shall be made under such rules and regulations as the Director of Agriculture may from time to time prescribe, upon the payment of such reasonable fees to be fixed by the Director as will, as near as may be, cover the cost for the services rendered. Such fees are to be collected by the inspectors-at-large who have charge of such inspection and expended by them to assist in defraying the expenses of the horticultural inspection. Such inspectors-at-large shall be bonded in an amount set by the Administrative Board running to the State of Washington with a surety approved by the Director conditioned for the faithful handling of these funds for the purpose specified in this act. Said inspectors-at-large shall render on or before the tenth day of each month, a detailed account to the Director of Agriculture showing the receipts and disbursements for the preceding month. On the thirtieth of June of each year the inspectors-at-large shall render a complete account of the past year's business to the Board of County Commissioners of each county in which such inspection has been made or certificates have been issued in their district, and should there

Director to prescribe rules and regulations for investigations.

Collection of fees.

Inspectors to be bonded.

Inspectors to render accounts.

be in excess of the amounts set forth in the following schedule remaining on hand in any horticultural inspection district after all expenses of such inspection or certificate of inspection service have been met, to date, in that district, such amount shall be returned to the contributors to the fund in proportion to the amount of payment made into the fund by each contributor: Districts 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7, each ten thousand dollars; District 8, fifteen thousand dollars; Districts 9 and 10, each, twenty thousand dollars; District 11 twenty-five thousand dollars; and Districts 4 and 5, each, forty thousand dollars. In case the applicant for such inspection or certificate service shall fail, neglect or refuse, to pay such fee within thirty (30) days after the inspection has been made, it shall be the duty of the Prosecuting Attorney of the county in which the inspection was made to bring action for debt in the name of the Inspector-at-Large in charge of the inspection on his request. Such certificate so issued shall be received in all the Courts of the State of Washington as *prima facie* evidence of the truth of the statement therein contained.

Refunds.

Prosecuting attorney to collect delinquent fees.

(a) The Director of Agriculture shall designate one horticulturist from the Department of Agriculture, the President of the University of Washington shall designate one horticulturist from the University of Washington, the President of Washington State College shall designate one horticulturist from Washington State College, and Cecil Solly, or some other recognized journalist specializing in horticultural research and related subjects, who shall together constitute a board of experts to formulate a program of tent caterpillar (*malacosoma pluvialis*) eradication, and the research of the board created shall be conducted at the Agricultural Experiment Station established at Puyallup, Washington.

Board to formulate program for eradication of tent caterpillars.

The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated

Appropriation.

Compensation of board of experts.

from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for carrying out the provisions of this subsection, and the Director of Agriculture is authorized to fix the compensation, if he determines any shall be paid, of the board of experts created, which shall be in addition and supplemental to any other compensation received from the State of Washington, and to pay members' expenses as the expenses of other state employees are paid.

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 Senate March 9, 1949.

Passed the House March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.

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CHAPTER 194

[ S. B. 257. ]

COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to aeronautics and establishment of airports; and amending section 12, chapter 182, Laws of 1945.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 12, chapter 182, Laws of 1945 (sec. 2722-41, Rem. Supp. 1945), is amended to read as follows:

Establishment of county airports authorized.

Section 12. The establishment of County Airport Districts is hereby authorized. Written application for the formation of such a district signed by at least one hundred (100) registered voters, who reside and own real estate in the proposed districts, shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners. The Board shall immediately transmit the application to the proper registrar of voters for the proposed district who shall check the names, resi-

Application filed with Board of County Commissioners.