

meetings at least once each month. The remainder of the bill is approved.

CHAPTER 194
[Substitute House Bill No. 724]
POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS
INCLUDING TURKEY--LABELING

AN ACT Relating to poultry and poultry products including turkey; adding new sections to chapter 69.04 RCW; and providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 69.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell at retail or display for sale at retail any poultry and poultry products, including turkey, which has been frozen at any time, without having the package or container in which the same is sold bear a label clearly discernible to a customer that such product has been frozen and whether or not the same has since been thawed. No such poultry or poultry product shall be sold unless in such a package or container bearing said label.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 69.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No person shall advertise for sale, sell, offer for sale or hold for sale in intrastate commerce any turkey that does not bear a label stating whether such turkey is graded or ungraded. Such label shall be properly displayed on the package if such turkey is prepackaged, or attached to the turkey if not prepackaged. Such label shall, if the turkey has been graded, state the name of the governmental agency, whether federal or state, and the grade. No turkey which has been graded may be labeled as being ungraded. Any advertisement in any media concerning the sale of turkeys shall state or set forth whether a turkey is ungraded or graded and the specific grade if graded.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 69.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to the enforcement of sections 1 and 2 of this 1969 act and any person violating the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this 1969 act shall be subject to the applicable civil and criminal penalties for such violations as provided for in this chapter.

Passed the House March 14, 1969.

Passed the Senate April 8, 1969.

Approved by the Governor April 17, 1969, with the exception of a certain item in Section 2, which is vetoed.

Filed in office of Secretary of State April 28, 1969.

NOTE: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"...This bill establishes labeling requirements for poultry products. Section 1 requires that poultry or poultry products, including turkey, that has been frozen and then thawed must be labeled to advise prospective buyers of this fact.

Section 2 requires that all turkeys must bear a label showing whether they are graded or ungraded, and if graded, the label must show the grade. The bill does not require that all turkeys be graded.

As a practical matter, this requirement cannot be met. More than 85 percent of the turkeys consumed in Washington are grown and prepared for marketing outside the state. Nearly all imported turkeys are frozen before shipment into Washington. All turkeys in interstate commerce are labeled, and turkeys which are graded are presently labeled as such. If a turkey is ungraded no grade will appear on the label. To require an additional label on ungraded imported turkeys would place an extraordinary and unnecessary burden on local dealers without giving any additional protection to the consumer and would serve no useful purpose. I have therefore vetoed from section 2 of the bill the item that requires the label to state "whether such turkey is graded or ungraded".

CHAPTER 195
[Engrossed House Bill No. 882]
FLOOD CONTROL ZONES--
DISTRICTS--BY STATE

AN ACT Relating to flood control zone districts; amending section 3, chapter 153, Laws of 1961 and RCW 86.15.030; adding new sections to chapter 153, Laws of 1961, and to chapter 86.15 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 159, Laws of 1935 and to chapter 86.16 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: