

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 280

[Senate Bill No. 4156]

FISHING LICENSE FEES—WHEELCHAIR-CONFINED PERSONS EXEMPT

AN ACT Relating to game fish licenses; and amending section 77.32.230, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 27, chapter 310, Laws of 1981 and RCW 77.32.230.

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

Sec. 1. Section 77.32.230, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 27, chapter 310, Laws of 1981 and RCW 77.32.230 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person sixty-five years of age or older who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces having a service-connected disability and who has been a resident for five years may receive upon application a state hunting and fishing license free of charge.

(2) A person seventy years of age or older who has been a resident for ten years or a blind person or a physically handicapped person confined to a wheelchair may receive upon application a fishing license free of charge.

(3) A fishing license is not required for persons under the age of sixteen.

(4) Tags, permits, stamps, and punchcards required by this chapter shall be purchased separately by persons receiving a free license.

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CHAPTER 281

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4226]

TREE FRUIT SANITATION PROGRAMS—ASSESSMENTS FOR INDUSTRY SERVICE PROGRAMS

AN ACT Relating to tree fruit; amending section 2, chapter 129, Laws of 1969 and RCW 15.26.020; amending section 3, chapter 129, Laws of 1969 and RCW 15.26.030; and adding a new section to chapter 15.26 RCW.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 129, Laws of 1969 and RCW 15.26.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The purpose of this chapter is for the creation of a commission which shall promote and carry on research and administer specific industry service programs, including but not limited to sanitation programs, which will or may benefit the planting, production, harvesting, handling, processing or shipment of tree fruit of this state, which shall collect assessments on tree fruit in this state and which shall coordinate its research efforts with those of other state, federal, or private agencies doing similar research.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 129, Laws of 1969 and RCW 15.26.030 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

(1) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state of Washington.

(2) "Director" means the director of the department of agriculture or his duly authorized representative.

(3) "Person" means any natural persons, firm, partnership, exchange, association, trustee, receiver, corporation, and any member, officer, or employee thereof or assignee for the benefit of creditors.

(4) "Producer" means any person who owns or is engaged in the business of commercially producing tree fruit or has orchard plantings intended for commercial tree fruit production.

(5) "Sanitation program" means a program designed to eliminate pests and/or plants or trees which serve as hosts to pests or diseases of tree fruits.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 15.26 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The producers of tree fruit subject to the provisions of this chapter may at any time, by referendum conducted by the department and approved by a majority of the producers voting, establish an additional assessment for programs including but not limited to sanitation programs. The total amount assessed for any specific industry service program under this section shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars in any single crop year. The members of the commission may, subject to approval by two-thirds of the voting members of the commission, suspend all or part of the assessments on tree fruit under this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Funds collected and expenditures made for specific industry service programs shall be collected, administered, and dispersed separately from all other funds authorized and collected for research by the commission. The commission may appoint a committee to advise

them regarding the need for specific industry service programs and regarding the administration of the assessments collected under section 3 of this act.

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CHAPTER 282

[Substitute House Bill No. 116]

CIVIL PROCEDURE—OFFERS OF SETTLEMENT

AN ACT Relating to offers of settlement served on an adverse party; and amending section 4, chapter 84, Laws of 1973 as amended by section 3, chapter 94, Laws of 1980 and RCW 4.84.280.

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

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 84, Laws of 1973 as amended by section 3, chapter 94, Laws of 1980 and RCW 4.84.280 are each amended to read as follows:

Offers of settlement shall be served on the adverse party in the manner prescribed by applicable court rules at least ten days prior to trial. Offers of settlement shall not be served until thirty days after the completion of the service and filing of the summons and complaint (~~in an action filed in superior court~~). Offers of settlement shall not be filed or communicated to the trier of the fact until after judgment, at which time a copy of said offer of settlement shall be filed for the purposes of determining attorneys' fees as set forth in RCW 4.84.250.

Passed the House April 22, 1983.

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CHAPTER 283

[Substitute House Bill No. 129]

STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES—ACCUMULATION OF VACATION LEAVE

AN ACT Relating to state officers and employees; adding a new section to chapter 43.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.26 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 43.01 RCW a new section to read as follows: