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Columbia river, and south of the Wenatchee range of mountains, and paying therefor a fee of five dollars, to kill one elk in such counties, and in any county lying south of the Snake river, one antlered male elk, between the 20th day of October and the first day of November, in the years 1927 and 1928.

Disposition  
of license  
fees.

One-half of the fees collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the county game fund of the county in which the license is issued, and the other one-half into the state game fund.

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## CHAPTER 292.

[H. B. 239.]

### PROTECTION OF TREES, PLANTS, ETC.

AN ACT to protect forest, agricultural, horticultural, ornamental and floral trees, shrubs and plants, and the products thereof in the State of Washington, from the ravages of diseases and insects and animal or weed pests injurious thereto or destructive thereof; to prevent the introduction into this state or the spread within this state of such diseases and insect and animal or weed pests; and providing penalties for violation thereof, and repealing Chapter 105 of the Session Laws of 1921.

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

Authority  
for protec-  
tion.

SECTION 1. The forest, agricultural, horticultural, ornamental and floral trees, shrubs, and plants in the State of Washington, and the products thereof shall be preserved and protected from the ravages of diseases, insects, and animal and weed pests injurious thereto and destructive thereof.

SEC. 2. The director of agriculture by and with the approval of the governor may after investigation establish, maintain and enforce such obligatory

quarantine regulations as may be deemed necessary to protect the forest, agricultural, horticultural, ornamental and floral trees, shrubs and plants, and the products thereof in the State of Washington, against contagion or infestation by injurious plant disease insects, or animal or weed pests, by establishing such quarantine at the boundaries of this state or elsewhere within the state, and he may make and enforce, any and all such obligatory rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to prevent any infected or infested forest, agricultural, horticultural, ornamental and floral trees, shrubs, and plants, and the products thereof in the State of Washington from passing over any quarantine line established and proclaimed pursuant to this act, and all such articles shall, during the maintenance of such quarantine, be inspected by such director or by horticultural or other inspectors thereto appointed, and he and the inspectors so conducting such inspection shall not permit any such article to pass over such quarantine line during such quarantine, except upon a certificate of inspection, signed by such director or in his name by such inspector who has made such inspection. All approvals by the governor given or made pursuant to this act shall be in writing and signed by the governor in duplicate, and one copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state and the other in the office of said director before such approval shall take effect.

Quarantine regulations.

SEC. 3. Upon information received by such director of the existence of any infectious plant disease, insect or other animal or weed pest, dangerous to any plant or commodity or to the interests of the plant industry of this state, or that there is a probability of the introduction of any such infectious plant disease, insect or other animal or weed pests into

Investigation.

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tine.

this state or across the boundaries thereof, he shall proceed to thoroughly investigate same and may establish, maintain and enforce quarantine as hereinbefore provided, and may make and enforce such regulations as are in his opinion, necessary to circumscribe and exterminate such infectious plant diseases, insect or other animal or weed pests and prevent the spread thereof. Such director may disinfect, or take such other action with reference to any trees, shrubs, plants, vines, cuttings, grafts, scions, buds, fruit-pits, fruit, seeds, vegetables or any crops or crop products, and any containers thereof, and any packing material used therewith infested or infected with, or which, in his opinion may have been exposed to infection or infestation by, any such infectious plant diseases, insect or other animal or weed pests, as in his discretion shall seem necessary to carry out and give effect to the provisions of this act. Such director, his deputies and inspectors are hereby authorized to enter upon any ground or premises to inspect the same or to inspect any tree, shrub, plant, vine, cutting, graft, scion, bud, fruit-pit, fruit, seed, vegetable, or other article of horticulture or implement thereof or box or package or packing material pertaining thereto, or connected therewith or that has been used in packing, shipping or handling the same, and to open any such package, and generally to do, with the least injury possible under the conditions to property or business all acts and things necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. The said director shall at once notify the governor of all quarantine lines established under or pursuant to this act, and if the governor approve or shall have approved of the same or any portion thereof, the same shall be in effect and the Governor may issue his proclamation proclaiming the boundaries of such quarantine and the nature thereof, and the order, rules or reg-

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Quarantine  
proclamation  
by governor.

ulations prescribed for the maintenance and enforcement of the same, and may publish said proclamation in such manner as he may deem expedient to give proper notice thereof.

All orders, rules and regulations issued by the director of agriculture pursuant to this act shall have the force and effect of law.

Rules of  
director as  
law.

SEC. 4. Each carload, case, box, package, crate, bale or bundle of trees, shrubs, plants, vines, cuttings, grafts, scions, buds, fruit-pits, or fruit or vegetables or seed, imported or brought into this state, shall have plainly and legibly marked thereon in a conspicuous manner and place the name and address of the shipper, owner or owners or person forwarding or shipping the same, and also the name of the person, firm, or corporation to whom the same is forwarded or shipped, or his or its responsible agents, also the name of the country, state or territory where the contents were grown, and a statement of the contents therein.

Importation  
regulations.

SEC. 5. When any shipment of nursery stock, trees, vines, plants, shrubs, cuttings, grafts, scions, fruit, fruit-pits, vegetables, or seed, or any other horticultural or agricultural product passing through any portion of the State of Washington in transit, is infested or infected with any species of injurious insects, their eggs, larvae, pupae or animal or plant disease, or weed pest, which would cause damage, or be liable to cause damage to the forests, orchards, vineyards, gardens, or farms of the State of Washington, or which would be, or liable to be, detrimental thereto or to any portion of said state, or to any of the forests, orchards, vineyards, gardens or farms within said state, and there exists danger of dissemination of such insects or disease or weed pest while such shipment is in transit in the State of Washington, then such shipment shall be placed

Regulations  
on intra-  
state ship-  
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within sealed containers, composed of metallic or other material, so that the same cannot be broken or opened, or be liable to be broken, or opened, so as to permit any of the said shipment, insects, their eggs, larvae, or pupae or animal or plant disease to escape from such sealed containers and the said containers shall not be opened while within the State of Washington.

Shipments  
in transit.

Inspection  
regulations.

Notice by  
carrier.

SEC. 6. Whenever the director of agriculture declares, promulgates and issues quarantine measures, orders or regulations against any part or portion of this state or any other state or country or section thereof, for the protection of any forest, agricultural, horticultural, ornamental or floral trees, shrubs, or plants, and there shall be received in this state, any forest, agricultural, horticultural, ornamental or floral trees, shrubs, or plants, or the raw products thereof, from any part or portion of this state, or any other state or country or section thereof, against which the quarantine has been issued as to such commodity, it shall be the duty of the person, or the official of the carrier having such shipment in charge for delivery, unless the same is accompanied by a certificate of inspection and approval by a horticultural inspector of this state, showing that the same was inspected and approved at the initial point of shipment, to notify the horticultural inspector stationed nearest to the point where said shipment is received, of the receipt of such shipment giving the name of the consignor and consignee and stating that such shipment is ready for inspection and delivery. Said notification shall be either by telephone or telegraph, and confirmed by written notice delivered personally to said inspector or to some person of suitable age and discretion at his residence or office, or by mail addressed to said inspector at his place of residence or at his

office; and it shall be unlawful for any such agent or person having such shipment in charge to deliver the same to the consignee or to any other person until the same shall have been inspected by a horticultural inspector; *Provided, however,* That such agent shall not be required to hold such shipment more than forty-eight hours after notifying the inspector as aforesaid, except in case the notice is given by mail, in which event, such shipment shall be held for such period beyond said forty-eight hours as is ordinarily required for delivery of mail to the address of the inspector. Upon the delivery to the consignee of a shipment accompanied by a certificate of inspection as aforesaid, the agent or person making the delivery shall retain the certificate of inspection showing his authority for releasing the same.

Period  
shipment  
may be  
held.

Certificate of  
inspection to  
consignee.

SEC. 7. Every person who shall violate or fail to comply with any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated by the director of agriculture in accordance with and under the provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for a second and each subsequent violation or failure to comply with the same rule or regulation, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days or more than one year, or by a fine of not less than \$100.00, or more than \$1,000.00 or both such fine and imprisonment.

Depart-  
mental rules  
violated.

Penalty.

SEC. 8. This act shall not be construed as repealing or limiting any of the provisions of existing laws relating to the establishment and enforcement of quarantines within the state, but shall be deemed to be supplemental thereto.

Saving  
clause.

Quarantines.

SEC. 9. That chapter 105 of the Laws of 1921, pages 308-313, is hereby repealed.

Statute  
repealed.

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