

general regulations prescribed by the state highway commission. The state highway commission may set minimum prices that will be accepted for any item offered for sale at public auction as herein provided and may prescribe terms or conditions of sale and, in the event that any item shall be offered for sale at such auction and for which no satisfactory bids shall be received or for which the amount bid shall be less than the minimum set by the commission, it shall be lawful for the commission to sell such item at private sale for the best price which it deems obtainable but at not less than the highest price bid at the public auction. The proceeds of all sales under this section shall be placed in the motor vehicle fund.

Minimum prices, terms, conditions.

Private sales, when.

Proceeds.

Passed the House February 9, 1953.

Passed the Senate February 19, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 43.

[ H. B. 307. ]

### APPLE ADVERTISING COMMISSION—ASSESSMENTS.

AN ACT relating to apples; providing the method of increasing the assessments on apples payable to the Washington State Apple Advertising Commission; and amending section 15.24.090, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.24.090, RCW, as derived from section 13, chapter 195, Laws of 1937, is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

If it appears from the investigation that the revenue from the assessment levied hereunder is inadequate to accomplish the purposes of this chapter the commission shall file with the director a report showing the necessities of the industry, extent and probable cost of the required research, market pro-

Assessment inadequate; report to director.

Assessment  
increase.

Same;  
effective  
date.

Same;  
referendum.

Limitation.

motion and advertising, extent of public convenience, interest and necessity, and probable revenue from the assessment levied. It shall thereupon increase the assessment to a sum not to exceed twelve cents per one hundred pounds of apples, gross billing weight, shipped in bulk, container or any style of package; but no increase shall be made prior to filing of said report and findings. An increase shall become effective sixty days after such report is filed: *Provided*, That no increase in such assessment shall become effective unless the same shall be first referred by the commission to a referendum mail ballot by the apple growers of this state and be approved by a majority of such growers voting thereon: *Provided further*, That after such mail ballot, if the same be favorable to such increase, the commission shall nevertheless exercise its independent judgment and discretion as to whether or not to approve such increase: *And provided further*, That in any event such increase shall not amount to more than two cents per one hundred pounds of apples, gross billing weight, in any one year.

Passed the House February 10, 1953.

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