

shall bear on the same side of the same page on which is found the amount of the award, a statement, set in black faced type of at least ten point body or size, that such final order, decision, or award shall become final within sixty days from the date the order is communicated to the parties unless a written request for reconsideration is filed with the department of labor and industries, Olympia, or an appeal is filed with the board of industrial insurance appeals, Olympia.

Whenever the department has taken any action or made any decision relating to any phase of the administration of this title the worker, beneficiary, employer, or other person aggrieved thereby may request reconsideration of the department, or may appeal to the board. In an appeal before the board, the appellant shall have the burden of proceeding with the evidence to establish a prima facie case for the relief sought in such appeal. Any such person aggrieved by the decision and order of the board may thereafter appeal to the superior court, as prescribed in this chapter.

~~((Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit an appeal to the board from a notice of assessment issued pursuant to RCW 51.48.120.))~~

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Section 33, chapter 43, Laws of 1972 ex. sess., section 3, chapter 109, Laws of 1982 and RCW 51.48.130 are each repealed.

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## CHAPTER 316

[Senate Bill No. 3812]

### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PENALTIES—REVISIONS

AN ACT Relating to water pollution control; amending RCW 90.48.144, 90.48.120, 90.48.340, 90.48.315, 90.48.142, and 90.48.350; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. By January 1, 1986, the department of ecology shall report to the legislature all enforcement actions initiated from 1983 through November, 1985 regarding the protection of Puget Sound water quality. The report shall include the number and type of complaints received, the number of inspections conducted, the number of violations cited, the number of variances granted, the amount of penalties collected, the number of times maximum fines were collected, the number of penalties that were rescinded, and the number of criminal actions that were taken. The department of ecology shall also hold public hearings in December, 1985 in accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.04 RCW, regarding the adequacy of current enforcement activities. A report

summarizing the testimony presented shall also be prepared for the legislature by February 15, 1986.

Sec. 2. Section 14, chapter 139, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 9, chapter 155, Laws of 1973 and RCW 90.48.144 are each amended to read as follows:

Every person who:

(1) Violates the terms or conditions of a waste discharge permit issued pursuant to RCW 90.48.180 or this amendatory act, or

(2) Conducts a commercial or industrial operation or other point source discharge operation without a waste discharge permit as required by RCW 90.48.160 or this amendatory act, or

(3) Violates the provisions of RCW 90.48.080, or other sections of this chapter or regulations or orders adopted or issued pursuant thereto, shall incur, in addition to any other penalty as provided by law, a penalty in an amount of up to ~~((five))~~ ten thousand dollars a day for every such violation. Each and every such violation shall be a separate and distinct offense, and in case of a continuing violation, every day's continuance shall be and be deemed to be a separate and distinct violation. Every act of commission or omission which procures, aids or abets in the violation shall be considered a violation under the provisions of this section and subject to the penalty herein provided for. The penalty amount shall be set in consideration of the previous history of the violator and the severity of the violation's impact on public health and/or the environment in addition to other relevant factors.

The penalty herein provided for shall be imposed by a notice in writing, either by certified mail with return receipt requested or by personal service, to the person incurring the same from the director of the department or his authorized delegate describing such violation with reasonable particularity. The director or his authorized delegate may, upon written application therefor received within fifteen days after notice imposing any penalty is received by the person incurring the penalty, and when deemed in the best interest to carry out the purposes of this chapter, remit or mitigate any penalty provided for in this section upon such terms as he in his discretion shall deem proper, and shall have authority to ascertain the facts upon all such applications in such manner and under such regulations as he may deem proper. The director shall remit or mitigate penalties only upon a demonstration of extraordinary circumstances such as the presence of information or factors not considered in setting the original penalty. Any person incurring any penalty hereunder may appeal the same to the hearings board as provided for in chapter 43.21B RCW. Such appeals shall be filed within thirty days of receipt of notice imposing any penalty unless an application for remission or mitigation is made to the department. When an application for remission or mitigation is made, such appeals shall be filed within thirty days of receipt of notice from the director or his authorized delegate setting forth the disposition of the application. Any penalty imposed hereunder

shall become due and payable thirty days after receipt of a notice imposing the same unless application for remission or mitigation is made or an appeal is filed. When an application for remission or mitigation is made, any penalty incurred hereunder shall become due and payable thirty days after receipt of notice setting forth the disposition of the application unless an appeal is filed from such disposition. Whenever an appeal of any penalty incurred hereunder is filed, the penalty shall become due and payable only upon completion of all review proceedings and the issuance of a final order confirming the penalty in whole or in part. If the amount of any penalty is not paid to the department within thirty days after it becomes due and payable, the attorney general, upon the request of the director, shall bring an action in the name of the state of Washington in the superior court of Thurston county or of any county in which such violator may do business, to recover such penalty. In all such actions the procedure and rules of evidence shall be the same as an ordinary civil action except as otherwise in this chapter provided. All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

Sec. 3. Section 18, chapter 216, Laws of 1945 as last amended by section 2, chapter 155, Laws of 1973 and RCW 90.48.120 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Whenever, in the opinion of the department, any person shall violate or (~~is about~~) creates a substantial potential to violate the provisions of this chapter, or fails to control the polluting content of waste discharged or to be discharged into any waters of the state, the department shall notify such person of its determination by registered mail. Such determination shall not constitute an order or directive under RCW 90.48.135. Within thirty days from the receipt of notice of such determination, such person shall file with the department a full report stating what steps have been and are being taken to control such waste or pollution or to otherwise comply with the determination of the department. Whereupon the department shall issue such order or directive as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, and shall notify such person thereof by registered mail.

(2) Whenever the department deems immediate action is necessary to accomplish the purposes of chapter 90.48 RCW, it may issue such order or directive, as appropriate under the circumstances, without first issuing a notice or determination pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. An order or directive issued pursuant to this subsection shall be served by registered mail or personally upon any person to whom it is directed.

Sec. 4. Section 5, chapter 133, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 10, chapter 88, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 90.48.340 are each amended to read as follows:

The director shall investigate each activity or project conducted under RCW 90.48.330 to determine, if possible, the circumstances surrounding the entry of oil into waters of the state and the person or persons allowing

said entry or responsible for the act or acts which result in said entry. Whenever it appears to the director, after investigation, that a specific person or persons are responsible for the necessary expenses incurred by the state pertaining to a project or activity as specified in RCW 90.48.335, the director shall notify said person or persons by appropriate order: PROVIDED, That no order may be issued pertaining to a project or activity which was completed more than five years prior to the date of the proposed issuance of the order. Said order shall state the findings of the director, the amount of necessary expenses incurred by the commission in conducting the project or activity, and a notice that said amount is due and payable immediately upon receipt of said order. The commission may, upon application from the recipient of an order received within thirty days from the receipt of the order, reduce or set aside in its entirety the amount due and payable, when it appears from the application, and from any further investigation the commission may desire to undertake, that a reduction or setting aside is just and fair under all the circumstances. If the amount specified in the order issued by the director notifying said person or persons is not paid within thirty days after receipt of notice imposing the same, or if an application has been made within thirty days as herein provided and the amount provided in the order issued by the commission subsequent to such application is not paid within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the attorney general, upon request of the director, shall bring an action on behalf of the state in the superior court of Thurston county or any county in which the person to which the order is directed does business to recover the amount specified in the final order of the director or the commission, as appropriate. No order issued under this section shall be construed as an order within the meaning of RCW 90.48.135. In any action to recover necessary expenses as herein provided said person shall be relieved from liability for necessary expenses if he can prove that the oil to which the necessary expenses relate entered the waters of the state by causes set forth in RCW 90.48.320(3). ((For purposes of this section "necessary expenses" shall not include expenses relating to investigation or the performance of surveillance.))

Sec. 5. Section 10, chapter 133, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 180, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 90.48.315 are each amended to read as follows:

For purposes of RCW 90.48.315 through 90.48.365 and RCW 78.52-.020, 78.52.125, 82.36.330, 90.48.315, 90.48.370 through 90.48.410, 90.48-.903, 90.48.906 and 90.48.907 the following definitions shall apply unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) "Board" shall mean the pollution control hearings board.
- (2) "Department" shall mean the department of ecology.
- (3) "Director" shall mean the director of the department of ecology.
- (4) "Discharge" shall mean any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or dumping.

(5) "Fund" shall mean the state coastal protection fund as provided in RCW 90.48.390 and 90.48.400.

(6) "Having control over oil" shall include but not be limited to any person using, storing, or transporting oil immediately prior to entry of such oil into the waters of the state, and shall specifically include carriers and bailees of such oil.

(7) "Necessary expenses" means the expenses incurred by the department for (a) investigating the source of the discharge; (b) investigating the extent of the environmental damage caused by the discharge; and (c) conducting actions necessary to clean up the discharge.

(8) "Oil" or "oils" shall mean oil, including gasoline, crude oil, fuel oil, diesel oil, lubricating oil, sludge, oil refuse, or any other petroleum related product.

~~((8))~~ (9) "Person" shall mean any political subdivision, government agency, municipality, industry, public or private corporation, copartnership, association, firm, individual, or any other entity whatsoever and any owner, operator, master, officer, or employee of a ship.

~~((9))~~ (10) "Ship" shall mean any boat, ship, vessel, barge, or other floating craft of any kind.

~~((10))~~ (11) "Waters of the state" shall include lakes, rivers, ponds, streams, inland waters, underground water, salt waters, estuaries, tidal flats, beaches and lands adjoining the seacoast of the state, sewers, and all other surface waters and watercourses within the jurisdiction of the state of Washington.

Sec. 6. Section 13, chapter 139, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 12, chapter 88, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 90.48.142 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter, or fails to perform any duty imposed by this chapter, or violates an order or other determination of the commission or the director made pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, including the conditions of a waste discharge permit issued pursuant to RCW 90.48.160, and in the course thereof causes the death of, or injury to, fish, animals, vegetation or other resources of the state, or otherwise causes a reduction in the quality of the state's waters below the standards set by the commission or, if no standards have been set, causes significant degradation of water quality, thereby damaging the same, shall be liable to pay the state damages in an amount equal to the sum of money necessary to restock such waters, replenish such resources, and otherwise restore the stream, lake or other water source to its condition prior to the injury, as such condition is determined by the commission. Such damages shall be recoverable in an action brought by the attorney general on behalf of the people of the state of Washington in the superior court of the county in which such damages occurred: PROVIDED, That if damages occurred in more than one county the attorney general may bring action in

any of the counties where the damages occurred. Any money so recovered by the attorney general shall be transferred to either the state game fund or the department of fisheries to use for food fish or shellfish management purposes and propagation, or to any other agency of the state having jurisdiction over the resource damaged and for which said moneys were recovered, as appropriate: PROVIDED, That the agency receiving such money shall utilize not less than one-half of said money on activities or projects within the county where the action was brought by the attorney general. No action shall be authorized under this section against any person operating in compliance with the conditions of a waste discharge permit issued pursuant to RCW 90.48.160.

Sec. 7. Section 7, chapter 133, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 9, chapter 88, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 90.48.350 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person who intentionally or negligently discharges oil, or causes or permits the entry of the same, shall incur, in addition to any other penalty as provided by law, a penalty in an amount of up to twenty thousand dollars for every such violation, and for each day of a continuing violation; said amount to be determined by the director of the commission after taking into consideration the gravity of the violation, the previous record of the violator in complying, or failing to comply, with the provisions of chapter 90.48 RCW, and such other considerations as the director deems appropriate. Every act of commission or omission which procures, aids or abets in the violation shall be considered a violation under the provisions of this section and subject to the penalty herein provided for. The penalty herein provided for shall become due and payable when the person incurring the same receives a notice in writing from the director of the commission describing such violation with reasonable particularity and advising such person that the penalty is due. The director may, upon written application therefor, received within fifteen days, and when deemed in the best interest of the state in carrying out the purposes of this chapter, remit or mitigate any penalty provided for in this section or discontinue any prosecution to recover the same upon such terms as he in his discretion shall deem proper, and shall have the authority to ascertain the facts upon all such applications in such manner and under such regulations as he may deem proper. If the amount of such penalty is not paid to the commission within fifteen days after the receipt of notice imposing the same, or if an application for remission or mitigation has been made within fifteen days as herein provided and the amount provided in the order issued by the director subsequent to such application is not paid within fifteen days after the receipt thereof, the attorney general, upon the request of the director, shall bring an action in the name of the state of Washington in the superior court of Thurston county or any other county in which such violator may do business, to recover the amount specified in the final order of the director. In all such actions the

procedure and rules of evidence shall be the same as an ordinary civil action except as otherwise in this chapter provided. All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the general fund. No order issued under this section shall be construed as an order within the meaning of RCW 90.48.135.

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## CHAPTER 317

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3776]

### ARTS COMMISSION REAUTHORIZED—POWERS AND DUTIES MODIFIED

AN ACT Relating to the Washington state arts commission; amending RCW 43.46.030, 43.46.040, 43.46.045, 43.46.050, 43.46.055, and 43.46.070; adding new sections to chapter 43.46 RCW; repealing RCW 43.46.010, 43.46.020, 43.46.080, 43.131.261, and 43.131.262; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.46 RCW to read as follows:

The conservation and development of the state's artistic resources is essential to the social, educational, and economic growth of the state of Washington. Artists, works of art, and artistic institutions contribute to the quality of life and the general welfare of the citizens of the state, and are an appropriate matter of concern to the government of the state of Washington.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.46 RCW to read as follows:

There is established a Washington state arts commission. The commission consists of nineteen members appointed by the governor and two members of the legislature, one appointed by the president of the senate and one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The legislative members shall be from opposite major political parties. The governor shall appoint citizens representing the various disciplines within the visual, performing and literary arts, and other citizens active in the arts community. The governor shall consider nominations for membership from individuals actively involved in cultural, state or community organizations. The governor shall also consider geographical distribution of the membership in the appointment of new members.

Sec. 3. Section 43.46.030, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 4, chapter 125, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 43.46.030 are each amended to read as follows: