

CHAPTER 161.

[S. B. 172.]

SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK.

AN ACT relating to the inspection and slaughtering of livestock; providing for the keeping of records; providing for the licensing of slaughtering establishments; providing for the issuance of permits for farm slaughterers; providing for the establishment of a brand inspection fund; providing for revocation of licenses and permits; providing for the stamping of carcasses of meat food animals; providing for presentation and inspection of livestock; requiring proof of ownership; declaring certain animals to be estrays; providing for sale of same and disposition of proceeds; and repealing sections 5 and 7, chapter 75, Laws of 1937 (sections 3169-5 and 3169-7, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 729-9, 729-13), and section 5, chapter 198, Laws of 1939 (section 3169-10c, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 729-38).

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

SECTION 1. Any person, firm or corporation operating a permanent slaughtering establishment within the State of Washington shall keep a record, in triplicate, on forms to be furnished by the Director of Agriculture, of all animals purchased for slaughter; the original to be mailed to the Director of Agriculture, Olympia, one copy to be retained by the person or persons operating such slaughtering establishment, and the seller or consignor to receive a triplicate copy. The consignor or seller and the person or persons operating such slaughtering establishment shall retain such record for six (6) months, the same to be subject to examination as provided in section 2, chapter 75, Laws of 1937.

Records for
slaughtering
of livestock.

SEC. 2. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in slaughter for wholesale. slaughter for retail from more than one shop, or custom slaughtering for dealers shall secure from the Director of Agriculture an annual license to operate as a wholesale slaughterer

License.

and pay an annual license fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.)

Fee.

SEC. 3. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in slaughter for retail from one shop, or custom killing for farmer, or both, shall secure from the Director of Agriculture an annual license to operate as a retail slaughterer and pay an annual license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

Farm slaughterer.

SEC. 4. Any bona fide farmer engaged in slaughter for wholesale or retail shall secure from the Director of Agriculture an annual permit to operate as a farm slaughterer.

SEC. 5. Bona fide farmers slaughtering animals on their own ranch for their own consumption shall not be restricted by the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

Use of fee funds.

SEC. 6. Funds collected for license fees and inspection fees shall be retained by the Director of Agriculture to be used for the enforcement of this act, chapter 75, Laws of 1937 and chapter 198, Laws of 1939.

Revocation of license.

SEC. 7. Any license or permit issued under this act shall expire on the 30th day of June next subsequent to the date of issue, and may be sooner revoked by the Director of Agriculture, upon reasonable notice to the licensee or permittee, for violations of the provisions of this act or chapter 75, Laws of 1937, or chapter 198, Laws of 1939, or any lawful regulations issued and promulgated by the Director of Agriculture under such acts. Any licensee or permittee under this act shall have the right to demand a hearing before a revocation is made permanent.

Possession of unmarked meat unlawful.

SEC. 8. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to transport, have in his or their possession, or to have on his or their premises any carcass of a meat food animal that does not bear the clearly legible establishment number of a licensed

slaughtering establishment or the permit number of a farm slaughterer: *Provided*, That this provision shall not apply to carcasses slaughtered by a farmer for his own consumption, to the premises of a licensed slaughtering establishment, and to carcasses of animals that have died other than by slaughter.

SEC. 9. All unbranded cattle, horses, mules and asses and those bearing brands not recorded by the State of Washington that are not accompanied by a certificate of permit, and those bearing brands recorded by the State of Washington that are not accompanied by a certificate of permit signed by the owner of the recorded brand when such animals are presented for inspection, are hereby declared estrays, unless other satisfactory proof of ownership, as required by this act, is presented showing the person presenting the same for inspection to be lawfully in possession. Such estrays shall be sold by the Director of Agriculture or his authorized agent who shall give the purchaser a bill of sale for such animal or animals.

Unbranded
animals.

Estrays.

SEC. 10. The proceeds for the sale of said estrays, after paying the cost thereof, shall be paid to the Director of Agriculture and shall be retained by him until disposed of as hereinafter provided. The Director shall make a record showing the brand or brands and marks and other means of identification of such animals and the amount realized from the sale of same.

Proceeds of
estrays.

SEC. 11. When a person has been notified by registered mail that animals bearing his recorded brand have been sold by the Director, such person shall be required to present to the Director a claim on the proceeds of such sale within ten (10) days from the receipt of the registered mail or the Director may decide that no claim exists.

Claims for
estrays.

SEC. 12. If, after the expiration of one (1) year from the date of such sale, the person presenting

such animals for inspection has not provided the Director with satisfactory proof of ownership, the proceeds from the sale shall be paid on the claim of the owner of the recorded brand.

SEC. 13. If, after the expiration of one (1) year from the date of such sale, no claim is made, said money shall be credited to the Department of Agriculture to be expended in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 14. The Director of Agriculture is authorized and shall make such regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act and the provisions of chapter 198, Laws of 1939: *Provided*, That such regulations shall be consistent with the provisions of this act and of chapter 198, Laws of 1939.

Acts repealed.

SEC. 15. Sections 5 and 7, chapter 75, Laws of 1937 (sections 3169-5 and 3169-7, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 729-9, 729-13, 729-33), and section 5, chapter 198, Laws of 1939 (section 3169-10c, Remington's Revised Statutes), are hereby repealed.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 16. If any section or provision of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole, nor any section, sentence, phrase, or word thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

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