

county creating such corporation, commission or authority on account of any debts, obligations, or liabilities of such public corporation, commission, or authority.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is added to chapter 35.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A public corporation, commission, or authority created pursuant to section 2 of this 1974 act or RCW 35.21.660 shall receive the same immunity or exemption from taxation as that of the city, town, or county creating the same: PROVIDED, That, except for any property listed on, or which is within a district listed on any federal or state register of historical sites, any such public corporation, commission, or authority shall pay to the county treasurer an annual excise tax equal to the amounts which would be paid upon real property and personal property devoted to the purposes of such public corporation, commission, or authority were it in private ownership, and such real property and personal property is acquired and/or operated under this 1974 act, and the proceeds of such excise tax shall be allocated by the county treasurer to the various taxing authorities in which such property is situated, in the same manner as though the property were in private ownership.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 38  
[Senate Bill No. 3077]  
HORSE IDENTIFICATION--MANDATORY  
BRAND INSPECTION POINTS--FEES--  
BRAND REGISTRATION

AN ACT Relating to identification of horses; and adding new sections to chapter 16.57 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 16.57 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Brand inspection of horses shall be mandatory at the following points:

(1) Prior to being moved out of state to any point where brand inspection is not maintained by the director, directly or in agreement with another state.

(2) Subsequent to delivery to a public livestock market and prior to sale at such public livestock market unless such horses are exempt from brand inspection by law or regulations adopted by the director because of prior brand inspection or if such horses are shipped directly to a public livestock market from another state and accompanied by a brand inspection certificate specifically identifying such horses issued by the state of origin or a lawful agency thereof.

(3) Prior to slaughter at any point of slaughter unless such horses are exempt from such brand inspection by law or regulations adopted by the director because of prior brand inspection or if such horses are immediate slaughter horses shipped directly to a point of slaughter from another state and accompanied by a brand inspection certificate specifically identifying such horses issued by the state of origin or a lawful agency thereof.

(4) Prior to the branding of any horses except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

(5) Prior to the sale of any horses except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

The director may by regulation adopted subsequent to a public hearing designate any other point for mandatory brand inspection of horses or the furnishing of proof that horses passing or being transported through such points have been brand inspected and are lawfully being moved. Further, the director may stop vehicles carrying horses to determine if such horses are identified or branded as immediate slaughter horses, and if so that such horses are not being diverted for other purposes to points other than the specified point of slaughter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 16.57 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The director shall cause a charge to be made for all brand inspections of horses required under this chapter and rules and regulations adopted hereunder. Such charges shall be paid to the department by the owner or person in possession unless requested by the purchaser and then such brand inspection shall be paid by the purchaser requesting such brand inspection. Such inspection charges shall be due and payable at the time brand inspection is performed and if not shall constitute a prior lien on the horses or horse hides brand inspected until such charge is paid. The director in order to best utilize the services of the department in performing brand inspections of horses shall establish schedules by days and hours

when a brand inspector will be on duty or perform brand inspections of horses at established inspection points. The fees for brand inspections of horses performed at inspection points according to schedules established by the director shall be not more than two dollars as prescribed by the director subsequent to a hearing. Fees for brand inspections of horses performed by the director at points other than those designated by the director or not in accord with the schedules established by him shall be based on a fee schedule not to exceed actual net cost to the department of performing the brand inspection service. Such schedule of fees shall be established subsequent to a hearing and all regulations concerning fees shall be adopted in accord with the provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, concerning the adoption of rules as enacted or hereafter amended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 16.57 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The director may provide by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW for the issuance of individual horse identification certificates or other means of horse identification deemed appropriate. Such certificates or other means of identification shall be valid only for the use of the horse owner in whose name it is issued.

Horses identified pursuant to the provisions of this section and the rules and regulations adopted hereunder shall not be subject to brand inspection except when sold at points provided for in section 1 of this act. The director shall charge an annual fee for the certificates or other means of identification authorized pursuant to this section and no identification shall be issued until the director has received the fee. The schedule of fees shall be established in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.04 RCW.

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CHAPTER 39  
[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2584]  
DIKING COMMISSIONERS—  
COMPENSATION LIMITATION

AN ACT Relating to diking districts; and amending section 41, chapter 117, Laws of 1895 as last amended by section 1, chapter 30, Laws of 1951 and RCW 85.05.410.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON: