
HOUSE BILL 1269

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By Representatives Buys and Van Werven

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1 AN ACT Relating to extending the dairy inspection program
2 assessment expiration date; amending RCW 15.36.551; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.36.551 and 2010 c 17 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) There is levied on all milk processed in this state an
8 assessment not to exceed fifty-four one-hundredths of one cent per
9 hundredweight. The director shall determine, by rule, an assessment,
10 that with contribution from the general fund, will support an
11 inspection program to maintain compliance with the provisions of the
12 pasteurized milk ordinance of the national conference on interstate
13 milk shipment.

14 (2) All assessments under this section shall be levied on the
15 operator of the first milk processing plant receiving the milk for
16 processing. This shall include milk processing plants that produce
17 their own milk for processing and milk processing plants that receive
18 milk from other sources. Milk processing plants whose monthly
19 assessment for receipt of milk totals less than twenty dollars in any
20 given month are exempted from paying this assessment for that month.

1 (3) All moneys collected under this section shall be paid to the
2 director by the twentieth day of the succeeding month for the
3 previous month's assessments. The director shall deposit the funds
4 into the dairy inspection account hereby created within the
5 agricultural local fund established in RCW 43.23.230. The funds shall
6 be used only to provide inspection services to the dairy industry.

7 (4) If the operator of a milk processing plant fails to remit any
8 assessments, that sum shall be a lien on any property owned by him or
9 her, and shall be reported by the director and collected in the
10 manner and with the same priority over other creditors as prescribed
11 for the collection of delinquent taxes under chapters 84.60 and 84.64
12 RCW.

13 (5) This section expires June 30, (~~2015~~) 2020.

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