
SENATE BILL 6484

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By Senators Hatfield, Morton, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to livestock inspection; amending RCW 16.57.160 and
2 16.57.220; and repealing RCW 16.57.303.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.57.160 and 2011 c 204 s 13 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director may adopt rules:

7 (a) Designating any point for mandatory inspection of cattle or
8 horses or the furnishing of proof that cattle or horses passing or
9 being transported through the point have been inspected or identified
10 and are lawfully being transported;

11 (b) Providing for issuance of individual horse and cattle
12 identification certificates or other means of horse and cattle
13 identification;

14 (c) Designating the documents that constitute other satisfactory
15 proof of ownership for cattle and horses. A bill of sale may not be
16 designated as documenting satisfactory proof of ownership for cattle;
17 and

18 (d) Designating when inspection certificates, certificates of
19 permit, or other transportation documents required by law or rule must

1 designate a physical address of a destination. Cattle and horses must
2 be delivered or transported directly to the physical address of that
3 destination.

4 (2) A self-inspection certificate may be accepted as satisfactory
5 proof of ownership for cattle if the director determines that the self-
6 inspection certificate, together with other available documentation,
7 sufficiently establishes ownership. Self-inspection certificates
8 completed after June 10, 2010, are not satisfactory proof of ownership
9 for cattle.

10 (3) Individual private sales of unbranded dairy breeding cattle of
11 fifteen head or less where both the buyer and seller are milk producers
12 holding a current milk producer's license under chapter 15.36 RCW and
13 cattle are not being moved or transported out of Washington state are
14 exempt from mandatory livestock inspection under this chapter, however
15 this exemption from inspections does not exempt cattle sellers from
16 paying any other fees or assessments, including beef promotion fees,
17 owed to the Washington state beef commission under chapter 16.67 RCW
18 and animal disease traceability fees owed to the department under RCW
19 16.36.150.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 16.57.220 and 2010 c 66 s 7 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (1) Except as provided for in RCW 16.65.090 and otherwise in this
23 section, the fee for livestock inspection is one dollar and sixty cents
24 per head for cattle and three dollars and fifty cents for horses or the
25 time and mileage fee, whichever is greater.

26 (2) When cattle are identified with the owner's brand or other form
27 of identification specified by the director by rule, the fee for
28 livestock inspection is one dollar and ten cents per head or the time
29 and mileage fee, whichever is greater.

30 (3) No inspection fee is charged for a calf that is inspected
31 before moving out-of-state under an official temporary grazing permit
32 if the calf is part of a cow-calf unit and the calf is identified with
33 the owner's Washington-recorded brand or other form of identification
34 specified by the director by rule.

35 (4) The fee for inspection of cattle at a processing plant with a
36 daily capacity of no more than five hundred head of cattle where the

1 United States department of agriculture maintains a meat inspection
2 program is four dollars per head.

3 (5) When a single inspection certificate issued for thirty or more
4 horses belonging to one person, the fee for livestock inspection is two
5 dollars per head or the time and mileage fee, whichever is greater.

6 (6) The fee for individual identification certificates is twenty
7 dollars for an annual certificate and sixty dollars for a lifetime
8 certificate or the time and mileage fee, whichever is greater.
9 However, the fee for an annual certificate listing thirty or more
10 animals belonging to one person is five dollars per head or the time
11 and mileage fee, whichever is greater. A lifetime certificate shall
12 not be issued until the fee has been paid to the director.

13 (7) The minimum fee for the issuance of an inspection certificate
14 by the director is five dollars. The minimum fee does not apply to
15 livestock consigned to a public livestock market or special sale or
16 inspected at a cattle processing plant.

17 (8) The department may not exempt payment of the fee under this
18 section where a mandatory livestock inspection is conducted under this
19 chapter.

20 (9) For purposes of this section, "the time and mileage fee" means
21 seventeen dollars per hour and the current mileage rate set by the
22 office of financial management.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 16.57.303 (Proceeds from sale of
24 impounded dairy breed cattle--Paid to seller) and 2003 c 326 s 37 are
25 each repealed.

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