
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5799

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Rasmussen, Newhouse and Loveland)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the transfer of funds to provide for plant pest
2 control activities; amending RCW 17.24.131; adding a new section to
3 chapter 15.17 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.17 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The inspector-at-large for district two as defined in WAC
8 16-458-075 is authorized to transfer two hundred thousand dollars from
9 the horticultural district fund to the plant pest account within the
10 agricultural local fund. The amount transferred is to be derived from
11 fees collected for state inspections of tree fruits and is to be used
12 solely for activities related to the control of *Rhagoletis pomonella*
13 in district two. The transfer of funds shall occur by June 1, 1997.
14 On June 30, 1999, any unexpended portion of the two hundred thousand
15 dollars shall be returned to the horticultural district fund.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 17.24.131 and 1991 c 257 s 17 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

1 To facilitate the movement or sale of forest, agricultural,
2 floricultural, horticultural and related products, or bees and related
3 products, the director may provide, if requested by farmers, growers,
4 or other interested persons, special inspections, pest identifications,
5 plant identifications, plant diagnostic services, pest control
6 activities, other special certifications and activities not otherwise
7 authorized by statute and ((~~to~~)) prescribe a fee for that service. The
8 fee shall, as closely as practical, cover the cost of the service
9 rendered, including the salaries and expenses of the personnel
10 involved. Moneys collected shall be deposited in the plant pest
11 account, which is hereby created within the agricultural local fund.
12 No appropriation is required for disbursement from the plant pest
13 account to provide the services authorized by this section. In lieu of
14 a fee, assessments and other funds deposited in the plant pest account
15 may be disbursed to provide the services authorized by this section.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately.

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