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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing logos for substances approved for
2 use in the production, processing, and handling of organic food; and
3 amending RCW 15.86.060.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.86.060 and 1992 c 71 s 7 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The director shall adopt such rules and regulations, in
8 conformity with chapter 34.05 RCW, as the director believes are
9 appropriate for the proper administration of this chapter.

10 (2) The director shall establish a list of approved substances that
11 may be used in the production, processing, and handling of organic
12 food. This list shall:

13 (a) Approve the use of natural substances except for specific
14 natural substances that may not be used in the production and handling
15 of agricultural products labeled as organic because these substances
16 would be harmful to human health or the environment and are
17 inconsistent with organic farming principles;

1 (b) Prohibit the use of synthetic substances except for specific
2 synthetic substances that may be used in the production and handling of
3 agricultural products labeled as organic because these substances:

4 (i) Would not be harmful to human health or the environment;

5 (ii) Are necessary to the production or handling of the
6 agricultural products;

7 (iii) Are consistent with organic farming principles; and

8 (iv) Are used in the production of agricultural products and
9 contain active synthetic ingredients in the following categories:

10 Copper and sulfur compounds; toxins derived from bacteria; pheromones;
11 soaps; horticultural oils; vitamins and minerals; livestock
12 parasiticides and medicines; and production aids including netting,
13 tree wraps and seals, insect traps, sticky barriers, row covers, and
14 equipment cleansers; or

15 (v) Are used in production and contain synthetic inert ingredients.

16 (3) The use of one or more logos regarding the sale of substances
17 approved for listing under subsection (2) of this section is
18 authorized. Such a logo may include the seal of the state of
19 Washington. This subsection may not be construed as requiring rule
20 making or limiting the authority of the director to adopt rules
21 allowing and regulating under this chapter the use of other logos which
22 include or do not include the state seal.

23 (4) The director shall issue orders to producers, processors, or
24 vendors whom he or she finds are violating any provision of this
25 chapter, or rules or regulations adopted under this chapter, to cease
26 their violations and desist from future violations. Whenever the
27 director finds that a producer, processor, or vendor has committed a
28 violation, the director shall impose on and collect from the violator
29 a civil fine not exceeding the total of the following amounts: (a) The
30 state's estimated costs of investigating and taking appropriate
31 administrative and enforcement actions in respect to the violation; and
32 (b) one thousand dollars.

33 ~~((4))~~ (5) The director may deny, suspend, or revoke a
34 certification provided for in this chapter if he or she determines that
35 an applicant or certified person has violated this chapter or rules
36 adopted under it.

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