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1 AN ACT Relating to soil testing prior to fertilizer applications in
2 urban areas; and adding a new section to chapter 15.54 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.54 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 It is unlawful for any person to apply a commercial fertilizer or
7 to supervise directly the application of a commercial fertilizer to the
8 soils of any parcel of land within an urban area to produce, maintain,
9 or enhance plants or plant growth unless a sufficient number of soil
10 samples have first been taken and tested to characterize generally the
11 levels of plant nutrients present in the soils on the parcel without
12 the application. Such a characterization of the soil nutrients shall
13 be required for applications to such a parcel not more than once each
14 calendar year. This section does not apply to applications of
15 fertilizer to soils that are contained in pots, planters, or similar
16 devices separated from ground soil and not designed to drain to ground
17 soil.

18 For the purposes of this section, "urban area" means an urban
19 growth area designated under RCW 36.70A.110 with a population of five

1 hundred thousand or more or, in a county not planning under chapter
2 36.70A RCW, a city with a population of five hundred thousand or more.

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