
SENATE BILL 6053

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By Senator Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the costs of processing forest practices
2 applications; amending RCW 76.09.065; creating a new section; providing
3 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that the
6 costs incurred by the department of natural resources for processing
7 forest practices applications and notifications be partially recovered
8 by imposing a fee based on the volume of timber harvested.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 76.09.065 and 2000 c 11 s 5 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) (~~Effective July 1, 1997,~~) An applicant shall pay an
12 application fee and a recording fee, if applicable, at the time an
13 application or notification is submitted to the department or to the
14 local governmental entity as provided in this chapter.

15 (2) For applications and notifications submitted to the department,
16 the application fee shall be fifty dollars for class II, III, and IV
17 forest practices applications or notifications relating to the
18 commercial harvest of timber. However, the fee shall be five hundred

1 dollars for class IV forest practices applications on lands being
2 converted to other uses or on lands which are not to be reforested
3 because of the likelihood of future conversion to urban development or
4 on lands that are contained within "urban growth areas," designated
5 pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, except the fee shall be fifty dollars
6 on those lands where the forest landowner provides:

7 (a) A written statement of intent signed by the forest landowner
8 not to convert to a use other than commercial forest product operations
9 for ten years, accompanied by either a written forest management plan
10 acceptable to the department or documentation that the land is enrolled
11 under the provisions of chapter 84.33 RCW; or

12 (b) A conversion option harvest plan approved by the local
13 governmental entity and submitted to the department as part of the
14 forest practices application.

15 All money collected from fees under this subsection shall be deposited
16 in the state general fund.

17 (3) For applications submitted to the local governmental entity,
18 the fee shall be five hundred dollars for class IV forest practices on
19 lands being converted to other uses or lands that are contained within
20 "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, except
21 as otherwise provided in this section, unless a different fee is
22 otherwise provided by the local governmental entity.

23 (4) Recording fees shall be as provided in chapter 36.18 RCW.

24 (5) In addition to the fees imposed under subsections (1) and (2)
25 of this section, at the time an application or notification is
26 submitted to the department, the applicant shall pay a fee of ten cents
27 per thousand board feet to be harvested under the application or
28 notification. The fee imposed by this subsection shall not apply to
29 applications submitted to a local government entity as provided in this
30 chapter. The department may adjust the amount due under this
31 subsection to reflect the actual volume of timber harvested under an
32 application or notification.

33 (6) An application fee under subsection (2) of this section shall
34 be refunded or credited to the applicant if either the application or
35 notification is disapproved by the department or the application or
36 notification is withdrawn by the applicant due to restrictions imposed
37 by the department.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 July 1, 2003.

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