
SENATE BILL 5401

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1 AN ACT Relating to registration fees for weighing and measuring
2 devices; and amending RCW 19.94.015 and 19.94.175.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.94.015 and 1995 c 355 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section for the
7 initial registration of an instrument or device, no weighing or
8 measuring instrument or device may be used for commercial purposes in
9 the state unless its commercial use is registered annually. If its
10 commercial use is within a city that has a city sealer and a weights
11 and measures program as provided by RCW 19.94.280, the commercial use
12 of the instrument or device shall be registered with the city if the
13 city has adopted fees pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. If
14 its commercial use is outside of such a city, the commercial use of the
15 instrument or device shall be registered with the department.

16 (2) A city with such a sealer and program may establish an annual
17 fee for registering the commercial use of such a weighing or measuring
18 instrument or device with the city. The annual registration fees shall
19 (~~not exceed the fee established in RCW 19.94.175 for registering the~~

1 ~~use of a similar instrument or device with the department))~~ be set so
2 that the total of those fees does not exceed the cost of enforcing and
3 administering the weights and measures program in the city. Fees upon
4 weighing or measuring instruments or devices within the jurisdiction of
5 the city that are collected under this subsection by city sealers shall
6 be deposited into the general fund, or other account, of the city as
7 directed by the governing body of the city.

8 (3) Registrations with the department are accomplished as part of
9 the master license system under chapter 19.02 RCW. Payment of the
10 registration fee for a weighing or measuring instrument or device under
11 the master license system constitutes the registration required by this
12 section.

13 (4) The fees established by or under RCW 19.94.175, or by a city,
14 for registering a weighing or measuring instrument or device shall be
15 paid to the department of licensing concurrently with an application
16 for a master license or with the annual renewal of a master license
17 under chapter 19.02 RCW. A weighing or measuring instrument or device
18 shall be initially registered with the state at the time the owner
19 applies for a master license for a new business or at the first renewal
20 of the license that occurs after the instrument or device is first
21 placed into commercial use. However, the use of an instrument or
22 device that is in commercial use on the effective date of this act
23 shall be initially registered at the time the first renewal of the
24 master license of the owner of the instrument or device is due
25 following the effective date of this act. The department of licensing
26 shall remit to the department of agriculture, or to each city charging
27 registration fees under this section, all fees collected under this
28 provision less reasonable collection expenses.

29 (5) Each city charging registration fees under this section shall
30 notify the department of agriculture at the time such fees are adopted
31 and whenever changes in the fees are adopted.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.94.175 and 1995 c 355 s 7 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) Pursuant to RCW 19.94.015, the following annual registration
35 fees shall be charged for each weighing or measuring instrument or
36 device used for commercial purposes in this state:

1	(a) Weighing devices:	
2	(i) Small scales "zero to four	
3	hundred pounds capacity" ...	\$ 5.00
4	(ii) Intermediate scales "four	
5	hundred one pounds to five	
6	thousand pounds capacity" ...	\$ 20.00
7	(iii) Large scales "over five	
8	thousand pounds capacity" ...	\$ 52.00
9	(iv) Large scales with supplemental	
10	devices	\$ 52.00
11	(v) Railroad track scales	\$ 800.00
12	(b) Liquid fuel metering devices:	
13	(i) Motor fuel meters with flows of	
14	less than twenty gallons per	
15	minute	\$ 5.00
16	(ii) Motor fuel meters with flows of	
17	more than twenty but not more	
18	than one hundred fifty gallons	
19	per minute	\$ 16.00
20	(iii) Motor fuel meters with flows	
21	over one hundred fifty gallons	
22	per minute	\$ 25.00
23	(c) Liquid petroleum gas meters:	
24	(i) With one inch diameter or	
25	smaller dispensers	\$ 10.00
26	(ii) With greater than one inch	
27	diameter dispensers	\$ 30.00
28	(d) Fabric meters	\$ 5.00
29	(e) Cordage meters	\$ 5.00
30	(f) Mass flow meters	\$ 14.00
31	(g) Taxi meters	\$ 5.00

32 (2) With the exception of subsections (3) and (4) of this section,
33 no person shall be required to pay more than the established fee
34 adopted under this section for any weighing or measuring instrument or
35 device in any one year.

1 (3) A city with its own weights and measures program may charge
2 fees higher than those in subsection (1) of this section, but in no
3 case may the total of those fees exceed the cost of enforcing and
4 administering the weights and measures program in the city.

5 (4) The department or a city sealer may establish reasonable
6 inspection and testing fees for each type or class of weighing or
7 measuring instrument or device specially requested to be inspected or
8 tested by the device owner. These inspection and testing fees shall be
9 limited to those amounts necessary for the department or city sealer to
10 cover the direct costs associated with such inspection and testing.
11 The fees established under this subsection shall not be set so as to
12 compete with service agents normally engaged in such services.

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