
SENATE BILL 6000

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1 AN ACT Relating to sales and use tax on privately produced trout;
2 amending RCW 77.18.050; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.18.050 and 1999 c 363 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The legislature finds that it is beneficial to improve
8 opportunities for trout fishing in order to satisfy the public's demand
9 for recreational fishing during a time of declining opportunities to
10 catch anadromous salmon and steelhead trout.

11 Fish farmers can produce trout in a triploid genetic configuration
12 for the purpose of certifying that the fish are sterile and that they
13 cannot interbreed with wild trout. These fish are ideally suited to
14 planting into public lakes and ponds to provide immediate recreational
15 fishing at a reasonable cost. The fish continue to grow throughout
16 their life cycle and have the potential to grow to trophy size.

17 Planting of these catchable trout can provide increased angler
18 participation, increased fishing license sales, increased tourism
19 activities, and a boost to local economies.

1 The department of fish and wildlife is authorized to purchase these
2 privately produced fish to supplement existing department trout
3 hatchery production. The planting of these catchable trout in water
4 bodies with water quality sufficient to support fish life must not have
5 an adverse impact on the wild trout population.

6 The trout purchased by the department under this section are not
7 subject to the taxes imposed under chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to privately
11 produced trout purchased by the department of fish and wildlife under
12 chapter 77.18 RCW.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The provisions of this chapter do not apply in respect to the use
16 of privately produced trout purchased by the department of fish and
17 wildlife under chapter 77.18 RCW.

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