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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6376

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By Senators Rasmussen, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Shin, Morton and Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to livestock inspection fees; amending RCW  
2 16.57.220, 16.58.130, and 16.57.160; providing an effective date; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.57.220 and 2003 c 326 s 24 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided for in RCW 16.65.090 and (~~subsection (2),~~  
8 ~~(3), or (4) of~~) otherwise in this section, the fee for livestock  
9 inspection is (~~eighty-five~~) one dollar and sixty cents per head for  
10 cattle and three dollars and fifty cents for horses or (~~fifteen~~  
11 ~~dollars per hour and the current mileage rate set by the office of~~  
12 ~~financial management~~) the time and mileage fee, whichever is greater.

13 (2) When cattle are identified with the owner's brand or other form  
14 of identification specified by the director by rule, the fee for  
15 livestock inspection is one dollar and ten cents per head or the time  
16 and mileage fee, whichever is greater. This fee does not apply for  
17 inspection of cattle when documenting a change of ownership with a  
18 self-inspection certificate.

1       (3) No inspection fee is charged for a calf that is inspected  
2 before moving out-of-state under an official temporary grazing permit  
3 if the calf is part of a cow-calf unit and the calf is identified with  
4 the owner's Washington-recorded brand or other form of identification  
5 specified by the director by rule.

6       (4) The fee for inspection of cattle at a processing plant with a  
7 daily capacity of no more than five hundred head of cattle where the  
8 United States department of agriculture maintains a meat inspection  
9 program is four dollars per head.

10       (5) When a single inspection certificate issued for thirty or more  
11 horses belonging to one person, the fee for livestock inspection is two  
12 dollars per head or (~~fifteen dollars per hour and the current mileage~~  
13 rate set by the office of financial management)) the time and mileage  
14 fee, whichever is greater.

15       ~~((+3))~~ (6) The fee for individual identification certificates is  
16 twenty dollars for an annual certificate and sixty dollars for a  
17 lifetime certificate or (~~fifteen dollars per hour and the current~~  
18 mileage rate set by the office of financial management)) the time and  
19 mileage fee, whichever is greater. However, the fee for an annual  
20 certificate listing thirty or more animals belonging to one person is  
21 five dollars per head or (~~fifteen dollars per hour and the current~~  
22 mileage rate set by the office of financial management)) the time and  
23 mileage fee, whichever is greater. A lifetime certificate shall not be  
24 issued until the fee has been paid to the director.

25       ~~((+4))~~ (7) The minimum fee for the issuance of an inspection  
26 certificate by the director is five dollars. The minimum fee does not  
27 apply to livestock consigned to a public livestock market or special  
28 sale or inspected at a cattle processing plant.

29       (8) For purposes of this section, "the time and mileage fee" means  
30 seventeen dollars per hour and the current mileage rate set by the  
31 office of financial management.

32       **Sec. 2.** RCW 16.58.130 and 2003 c 326 s 56 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34       Each licensee shall pay to the director a fee of ~~((seventeen))~~  
35 twenty-five cents for each head of cattle handled through the  
36 licensee's feed lot. Payment of the fee shall be made by the licensee  
37 on a monthly basis. Failure to pay as required shall be grounds for

1 suspension or revocation of a certified feed lot license. The director  
2 shall not renew a certified feed lot license if a licensee has failed  
3 to make prompt and timely payments.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 16.57.160 and 2003 c 326 s 18 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The director may adopt rules:

7 (1) Designating any point for mandatory inspection of cattle or  
8 horses or the furnishing of proof that cattle or horses passing or  
9 being transported through the point have been inspected or identified  
10 and are lawfully being transported;

11 (2) Providing for self-inspection of (~~fifteen~~) twenty-five head  
12 or less of cattle;

13 (3) Providing for issuance of individual horse and cattle  
14 identification certificates or other means of horse and cattle  
15 identification; and

16 (4) Designating the documents that constitute other satisfactory  
17 proof of ownership for cattle and horses. A bill of sale may not be  
18 designated as documenting satisfactory proof of ownership for cattle.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
22 June 1, 2006.

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