

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1527

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 44 Nays 5

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1527** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Dent, Blake, Buys, and Van De Wege)

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the Washington state department of
2 agriculture to approve the comparable recertification standards of
3 private entities for the purposes of waiving the recertification
4 requirements under the Washington pesticide control act; and amending
5 RCW 15.58.233.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.58.233 and 2003 c 212 s 7 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The director may renew any license issued under this chapter
10 subject to the recertification standards identified in subsection (2)
11 of this section or an examination requiring new knowledge that may be
12 required to perform in those areas licensed.

13 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all
14 individuals licensed under this chapter shall meet the
15 recertification standards identified in (a) or (b) of this
16 subsection, every five years, in order to qualify for continuing
17 licensure.

18 (a) Individuals licensed under this chapter may qualify for
19 continued licensure through accumulation of recertification credits.
20 Individuals licensed under this chapter shall accumulate a minimum of

1 forty department-approved credits every five years with no more than
2 fifteen credits allowed per year.

3 (b) Individuals licensed under this chapter may qualify for
4 continued licensure through meeting the examination requirements
5 necessary to become licensed in those areas in which the licensee
6 operates.

7 (3) At the termination of a licensee's five-year recertification
8 period, the director (~~may~~) shall waive the recertification
9 requirements if the licensee can demonstrate that he or she is
10 meeting comparable recertification standards through:

11 (a) Another state or jurisdiction (~~or through a federal~~
12 environmental protection agency approved government agency plan));

13 (b) A government agency plan that has been approved by the
14 federal environmental protection agency; or

15 (c) A private entity that has been approved by the department.

16 The department shall confer with private entities offering continuing
17 education programs that include pest management credit accreditation
18 and accumulation to develop an effective and efficient system to
19 coordinate pest management credit accounting. The pest management
20 credit accounting system must accord with the goals and other
21 requirements of the department's pesticide license recertification
22 program and this chapter. If the department and the private entity or
23 entities agree on the substantive provisions of the system, the
24 department shall develop an implementation strategy for private
25 entities pursuing pesticide credit reciprocity. The department shall
26 submit a report to the legislature on its collaborative efforts, pest
27 management credit accounting system, and implementation strategy by
28 December 31, 2015.

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