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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5601**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Rivers, Schoesler, and Honeyford)

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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 (4) The department may adopt rules establishing the comparable  
17 recertification standards a private entity must meet to be approved  
18 under subsection (3)(c) of this section. The department may also  
19 establish procedures for private entity recertification waiver  
20 revocation.

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