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**SENATE BILL 6259**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Warnick

1 AN ACT Relating to special sales at public livestock markets; and  
2 amending RCW 16.65.420.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.65.420 and 2003 c 326 s 87 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Any application for a change of sales day or days or  
7 additional sales day or days for an existing salesyard shall be  
8 subject to approval by the director, subsequent to a hearing and the  
9 director is hereby authorized to approve these days and class of  
10 livestock which may be sold on these days. In considering the  
11 approval or denial of these sales days, the director shall give  
12 appropriate consideration, among other relevant factors, to the  
13 following:

14 (a) The geographical area which will be affected;

15 (b) The conflict, if any, with sales days already allocated in  
16 the area;

17 (c) The amount and class of livestock available for marketing in  
18 the area;

19 (d) Buyers available to such market;

20 (e) Any other conditions affecting the orderly marketing of  
21 livestock.

1           (2) (~~No~~) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,  
2 no special sales shall be conducted by the licensee unless the  
3 licensee has applied to the director in writing (~~fifteen~~) 15  
4 business days prior to such proposed sale. Each application must be  
5 accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of (~~fifty dollars~~) \$50.

6           (3) In the event of a severe weather-related event, natural  
7 disaster, or a sale requested by a bank, a licensee shall apply to  
8 the director in writing no less than five business days prior to such  
9 proposed sale. Each application must be accompanied by a  
10 nonrefundable fee of \$100.

11          (4) In any case that a licensee fails to conduct sales on the  
12 sales days allocated to the licensee, the director shall, subsequent  
13 to a hearing, be authorized to revoke an allocation for nonuse. The  
14 rate of usage required to maintain an allocation shall be established  
15 by rule.

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