

## CHAPTER 55.

[S. S. B. 34.]

## CERTIFIED SEEDS.

AN ACT relating to the certification of agricultural and vegetable seed; providing penalties for violation thereof and amending Chapter 1 of Title XLIV Remington's Compiled Statutes, by adding thereto three new sections to be known as sections 6977-A, 6977-B, and 6977-C.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That chapter 1 of title XLIV, Remington's Compiled Statutes, be and the same is hereby amended by adding a new section to be known as 6977-a.

See  
Pierce's Code  
§ 113-2.

Section 6977-a. The word "seed" wherever used in this act shall be held and construed to mean and include not only the true seed of plants but also any tubers, bulbs, or corms or other part of a plant commonly used for propagating purposes. The word "certified seed" wherever used in this act shall be held and construed to mean and include seed which has been inspected, graded and certified by the director of agriculture or his authorized representatives, as complying with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the director of agriculture under the provisions of this act.

Definitions.

SEC. 2. That chapter 1 of title XLIV, Remington's Compiled Statutes, be and the same is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as 6977-b.

See  
Pierce's Code  
§ 113-2.

Section 6977-b. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to represent by certificate, advertisement, placard, label or brand, or by any means of description, any agricultural or vegetable seed, to be "certified" or "certified seed" unless and until such seed shall have been duly inspected, graded and certified by the director of agriculture,

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or his authorized representatives, in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the director of agriculture under the provisions of this act: *Provided, however,* That agricultural or vegetable seed imported into this state which has been inspected and certified by the proper authorities of the state from which such seed is exported under a law of that state providing for the inspection and certification of seed, may be designated by label or otherwise when sold or offered for sale in this state as certified seed, provided such seed complies with the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the director of agriculture of this state.

See  
Pierce's Code  
§ 113-2.

SEC. 3. That chapter 1 of title XLIV, Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, be and the same is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as 6977-c.

Penalty.

Section 6977-c. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and in case of a second or subsequent violation shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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Passed the House February 21, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 7, 1923.