

moneys in the various funds created by this chapter shall be unassignable, and are hereby exempt from any state, county, municipal or other local tax, and shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment, the operation of bankruptcy or insolvency laws, or other process of law whatsoever: PROVIDED, That this section shall not be deemed to prohibit a beneficiary of a retirement allowance who is eligible under RCW 41.05.080 from authorizing deductions therefrom for payment of premiums due on any group life or disability insurance policy or plan issued for the benefit of a group comprised of public employees of the state of Washington or its political subdivisions in accordance with rules and regulations that may be promulgated by the retirement board.

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CHAPTER 64

[Engrossed House Bill No. 509]

BEEF COMMISSION ASSESSMENTS

AN ACT Relating to the collection of assessments by the Washington state beef commission; and adding new sections to chapter 133, Laws of 1969 and to chapter 16.67 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 133, Laws of 1969 and to chapter 16.67 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The transfer of cattle owned by a meat packer from a feed lot to a slaughterhouse for slaughter shall be deemed a sale of such cattle for the purpose of chapter 16.67 RCW. Such packer shall pay directly to the beef commission the same assessment as required of all other cattle owners selling cattle.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 133, Laws of 1969 and to chapter 16.67 RCW a new section to read as follows:

For the purpose of chapter 16.67 RCW all cattle delivered to a commercial feed lot for custom feeding for slaughter shall be deemed to constitute a sale of such cattle and the commercial feed lot owner shall pay the assessment for such sale to the beef commission directly as in the case of the sale of any other cattle: PROVIDED, That the commercial feed lot owner may recover such assessment fees, paid to the beef commission, in billing the owner of said cattle along with feeding costs: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any producer paying such an assessment on cattle delivered to a commercial feed lot shall

not be obligated to pay an assessment when he sells such fat cattle to a meat packer.

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CHAPTER 65

[House Bill No. 558]

WAREHOUSING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES--  
DEFINITIONS

AN ACT Relating to the warehousing of agricultural commodities; and amending section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1963 as amended by section 51, chapter 240, Laws of 1967, and RCW 22.09.010.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1963 as amended by section 51, chapter 240, Laws of 1967, and RCW 22.09.010 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purpose of this chapter:

(1) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state of Washington.

(2) "Director" means the director of the department or his duly authorized representative.

(3) "Person" means a natural person, individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, society, association, cooperative, port district, or two or more persons having a joint or common interest.

(4) "Agricultural commodities", hereinafter referred to as commodities, means, but is not limited to, all the grains, hay, peas, hops, grain and hay products, beans, lentils, corn, sorghums, malt, peanuts, flax, and other similar agricultural products, and shall also include agricultural seeds but only when stored by a warehouseman who issues negotiable warehouse receipts therefor.

(5) "Public warehouse" hereinafter referred to as "warehouse" means any elevator, mill, warehouse, public grain warehouse, public warehouse, terminal warehouse, station, or other structure or facility in which commodities are received from the public for storage, shipment, or handling, for compensation, and in the case of hay any yard or other enclosure within five miles thereof: PROVIDED, That this shall not include any warehouse storing or handling fresh fruits and/or vegetables or any warehouse used exclusively for cold storage.