

the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 83

[House Bill No. 1044]

NURSERY STOCK TAXATION—  
ORIGINAL PRODUCER DEFINED

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; and amending section 84.40.220, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.40.220.

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

Section 1. Section 84.40.220, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.40.220 are each amended to read as follows:

Whoever owns, or has in his possession or subject to his control, any goods, merchandise, grain or produce of any kind, or other personal property within this state, with authority to sell the same, which has been purchased either in or out of this state, with a view to being sold at an advanced price or profit, or which has been consigned to him from any place out of this state for the purpose of being sold at any place within the state, shall be held to be a merchant, and when he is by this title required to make out and to deliver to the assessor a statement of his other personal property, he shall state the value of such property pertaining to his business as a merchant. No consignee shall be required to list for taxation the value of any property the product of this state, nor the value of any property consigned to him from any other place for the sole purpose of being stored or forwarded, if he has no interest in such property nor any profit to be derived from its sale. The growing stock of nurserymen, which is owned by the original producer thereof or which has been held or possessed by the nurserymen for one hundred eighty days or more, shall, whether personal or real property, be considered the same as growing crops on cultivated lands: PROVIDED, That the nurserymen be licensed by the department of agriculture; PROVIDED FURTHER, That an original producer, within the meaning of this section, shall include a person who, beginning with seeds, cuttings, bulbs, corns, or any form of immature plants, grows such

plants in the course of their development into either a marketable partially grown product or a marketable consumer product.

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CHAPTER 84

[Substitute House Bill No. 1063]  
METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS--  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION--PACKAGE FREIGHT--  
COMMITTEE, CHAIRMEN--COMPENSATION--  
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES LEASING

AN ACT Relating to metropolitan municipal corporations; amending section 35.58.020, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 303, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 35.58.020; amending section 35.58.160, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 and RCW 35.58.160; and amending section 35.58.180, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 6, chapter 105, Laws of 1967 and RCW 35.58.180.

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

Section 1. Section 35.58.020, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 303, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 35.58.020 are each amended to read as follows:

As used herein:

(1) "Metropolitan municipal corporation" means a municipal corporation of the state of Washington created pursuant to this chapter.

(2) "Metropolitan area" means the area contained within the boundaries of a metropolitan municipal corporation, or within the boundaries of an area proposed to be organized as such a corporation.

(3) "City" means an incorporated city or town.

(4) "Component city" means an incorporated city or town within a metropolitan area.

(5) "Component county" means a county, all or part of which is included within a metropolitan area.

(6) "Central city" means the city with the largest population in a metropolitan area.

(7) "Central county" means the county containing the city with the largest population in a metropolitan area.

(8) "Special district" means any municipal corporation of the state of Washington other than a city, county, or metropolitan municipal corporation.