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**SENATE BILL 5799**

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**By** Senators Deccio, Rasmussen, Newhouse and Loveland

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1 AN ACT Relating to the transfer of funds to provide for plant pest  
2 control activities; amending RCW 17.24.131; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 15.17 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 15.17 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The inspector-at-large for district two as defined in WAC  
8 16-458-075 is authorized to transfer two hundred thousand dollars from  
9 the horticultural district fund to the plant pest account within the  
10 agricultural local fund. The amount transferred is to be derived from  
11 fees collected for state inspections of tree fruits and is to be used  
12 solely for activities related to the control of *Rhagoletis pomonella*  
13 in district two. The transfer of funds shall occur by June 1, 1997.  
14 On June 30, 1999, any unexpended portion of the two hundred thousand  
15 dollars shall be returned to the horticultural district fund.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 17.24.131 and 1991 c 257 s 17 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

1 To facilitate the movement or sale of forest, agricultural,  
2 floricultural, horticultural and related products, or bees and related  
3 products, the director may provide, if requested by farmers, growers,  
4 or other interested persons, special inspections, pest identifications,  
5 plant identifications, plant diagnostic services, other special  
6 certifications and activities not otherwise authorized by statute and  
7 ((to)) prescribe a fee for that service. The fee shall, as closely as  
8 practical, cover the cost of the service rendered, including the  
9 salaries and expenses of the personnel involved. Moneys collected  
10 shall be deposited in the plant pest account, which is hereby created  
11 within the agricultural local fund. No appropriation is required for  
12 disbursement from the plant pest account to provide the services  
13 authorized by this section. In lieu of a fee, assessments and other  
14 funds deposited in the plant pest account may be disbursed to provide  
15 the services authorized by this section.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
19 immediately.

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