
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6255

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment (originally sponsored by Senator Morton)

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1 AN ACT Relating to apiaries; amending RCW 15.62.010, 15.62.020,
2 15.62.030, 15.62.040, 15.62.070, 15.62.080, 15.62.140, 15.62.300, and
3 15.60.005; adding new sections to chapter 17.24 RCW; repealing RCW
4 15.60.007, 15.60.010, 15.60.015, 15.60.020, 15.60.025, 15.60.030,
5 15.60.040, 15.60.042, 15.60.043, 15.60.050, 15.60.100, 15.60.110,
6 15.60.120, 15.60.140, 15.60.150, 15.60.170, 15.60.230, and 15.60.900;
7 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.62.010 and 1989 c 5 s 1 are each amended to read as
10 follows:

11 (1) The purpose of this chapter is to ((advance the public welfare
12 and education and to)) provide the apiary industry the opportunity to
13 establish a honey bee commission; promote the interest, products,
14 services, and stabilization of Washington's honey bee industry;
15 identify and conduct research on treatments and medications to control
16 bee pests; and perform nonregulatory functions and provide information
17 and services to beekeepers in the state.

18 (2) The legislature finds that:

1 ~~((1))~~ (a) Increasing the consumption of products of the honey bee
2 industry and promoting the use of its services and stabilizing the
3 honey bee industry within the state and nation is a valid and necessary
4 exercise of the power of the state to protect the public health, to
5 provide for the economic development of the state, and to promote the
6 welfare of the people of the state;

7 ~~((2))~~ (b) Honey bee industry products produced and services
8 provided in Washington make an important contribution to the
9 agricultural industry of the state of Washington. The business of
10 researching, marketing, and distributing such products and the
11 promotion of its services is in the public interest;

12 ~~((3))~~ (c) It is necessary to enhance the reputation of Washington
13 honey bee industry products and services in domestic and national
14 markets;

15 ~~((4))~~ (d) It is necessary to promote and educate the public
16 regarding the value of honey bee industry products and services, and to
17 spread that knowledge throughout the state and nation to increase the
18 awareness and consumption of honey bee products and the use of honey
19 bee services;

20 ~~((5))~~ (e) State and national markets for Washington honey bee
21 industry products may benefit from promotion of honey bee products
22 through education and advertising;

23 ~~((6))~~ (f) It is necessary to stabilize the Washington honey bee
24 industry, to enlarge its markets, and increase the consumption of
25 Washington honey bee industry products and services to assure the
26 payment of taxes to the state and its subdivisions, to alleviate
27 unemployment, and to provide for higher wage scales for agricultural
28 labor and maintenance of a reasonable standard of living;

29 ~~((7))~~ (g) Providing information to the public on the manner,
30 cost, and expense of producing, and the care taken to produce and sell,
31 honey bee industry products and services of the highest quality, the
32 methods and care used in their preparation for market, and the methods
33 of sale and distribution is in the public interest;

34 ~~((8))~~ (h) It is necessary to protect the public by educating it
35 on the various benefits of honey bee industry services, the food value
36 of its products, and their industrial and medicinal uses.

37 **Sec. 2.** RCW 15.62.020 and 1989 c 5 s 2 are each amended to read as
38 follows:

1 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
2 this section apply throughout this chapter:

3 (1) "Affected person" means an apiarist, manufacturer, processor,
4 first handler, broker, or volunteer who shall pay to the commission the
5 minimum assessments required in RCW 15.62.140.

6 (2) "Apiarist" means any person, firm, partnership, association, or
7 corporation who owns, operates, manages, or brokers ~~((ten))~~ five or
8 more honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) colonies in the state or any
9 ~~((volunteer participant having less than ten colonies))~~ owner of one to
10 four colonies in the state of Washington that voluntarily registers
11 with the department.

12 (3) "Bee colony" means a natural group of honey bees containing
13 seven thousand or more workers and one or more queens, housed in a man-
14 made hive with movable frames, and operated as a beekeeping unit.

15 (4) "Bee pests" means mites, other parasites, or diseases that
16 cause injury to bees.

17 (5) "Broker" means any person other than an apiarist who, for a
18 fee, places or sets twenty-five or more bee colonies for pollination or
19 buys and sells one thousand dollars or more per year of industry
20 products he or she does not produce or manufacture.

21 ~~((+5))~~ (6) "Commission" means the Washington state honey bee
22 industry commission or its authorized agents.

23 ~~((+6))~~ (7) "Department" means the department of agriculture.

24 ~~((+7))~~ (8) "Director" means the director of the department of
25 agriculture.

26 ~~((+8))~~ (9) "First handler" means any person in Washington who
27 imports industry products or bee supplies and equipment into Washington
28 for processing, packing, or sale in the state of Washington.

29 ~~((+9))~~ (10) "Industry products" means queen bees, packaged bees,
30 and items which are made by bees including, but not limited to, honey,
31 pollen, bees wax, and propolis and items manufactured for use in the
32 honey bee industry as enumerated under "manufacturer" in this section.

33 ~~((+10))~~ (11) "Manufacturer" means any person making bee supplies
34 and equipment such as: Supers (hive boxes), frames, bees wax
35 foundation, smokers, extractors, bee veils, pollen traps, queen rearing
36 equipment, bee cages and packages, queen excluders, and other bee
37 supplies used in the honey bee industry.

38 ~~((+11))~~ (12) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, or
39 corporation engaged in the apiculture industry.

1 (~~(12)~~) (13) "Processor" means any person processing, selling,
2 marketing, or distributing bee industry products.

3 (~~(13)~~) (14) "Retail sales" means those sales made directly to
4 consumers whether apiarists, brokers, or persons involved in the
5 apiculture industry, or the public.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 15.62.030 and 1989 c 5 s 3 are each amended to read as
7 follows:

8 A petition may be filed with the director to conduct a referendum
9 to form a honey bee commission. A referendum shall be conducted if the
10 petition contains the names of at least fifteen percent of the
11 apiarists registered in accordance with RCW 15.60.050 or section 9 of
12 this act during the most recent registration period and that those
13 persons represent fifteen percent of the registered hives. The
14 director shall conduct the referendum by mail.

15 The Washington state honey bee commission shall be established
16 (~~following approval of a referendum by a majority of the affected~~
17 ~~apiarists and brokers, as set forth in RCW 15.62.140(4) for assessment~~
18 ~~increases)) if approved by a majority of apiarists registered and if~~
19 those apiarists voting in favor represent a majority of the registered
20 hives.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 15.62.040 and 1989 c 5 s 13 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 The commission (~~shall have the following powers and duties~~) may:

24 (1) (~~To~~) Work with the pesticide management program in the
25 department, Washington State University, and others on pesticide
26 labeling and reducing the effect of chemicals on pollinating insects;

27 (2) Provide information to growers, the public, and the media on
28 request;

29 (3) Work with state and federal agencies to increase access for bee
30 forage on public lands and provide information to beekeepers on
31 opportunities to forage bees on public lands;

32 (4) Provide information and technical assistance to beekeepers
33 relating to the control of tracheal and varroa mites and other bee
34 pests;

35 (5) Conduct seminars and field days to educate and train beekeepers
36 in areas of interest to beekeepers;

1 (6) Conduct technical assistance visits to beekeepers' apiaries
2 upon request;

3 (7) Arrange educational seminars on queen selection, breeding, and
4 propagation;

5 (8) Identify and fund research projects that will aid beekeepers in
6 the control of bee pests or that improve the viability of the apiary
7 industry;

8 (9) Elect a chairperson and other officers as it deems advisable;
9 ~~((2) To))~~ (10) Promulgate rules ((and regulations)) under the
10 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and RCW 15.04.200 as
11 necessary to effectuate the purpose and policies of this chapter;

12 ~~((3) To))~~ (11) Administer and enforce the provisions of this
13 chapter and perform all acts and exercise all powers reasonably
14 necessary to fulfill the purpose thereof;

15 ~~((4) To))~~ (12) Employ and discharge advertising agents, attorneys
16 as permitted by the attorney general, agents, and employees as it deems
17 necessary, and ((to)) prescribe their duties and powers and fix their
18 compensation;

19 ~~((5) To))~~ (13) Establish offices, hire employees who shall be
20 exempt from chapter 41.06 RCW, incur expenses which shall not exceed
21 revenues, enter into contracts, and create such liabilities as are
22 reasonable and proper for the administration of this chapter;

23 ~~((6) To))~~ (14) Investigate and refer violations of this chapter to
24 local prosecuting attorneys or special prosecutors appointed by the
25 commission and the local prosecuting attorney;

26 ~~((7) To))~~ (15) Contract for scientific research designed to
27 improve production, pollination, management, quality, processing, and
28 distribution and ((to)) develop and discover uses for products of the
29 honey bee industry;

30 ~~((8) To))~~ (16) Make in its name advertising contracts and other
31 agreements necessary to promote the industry and bee products and
32 services in state, national, and foreign markets;

33 ~~((9) To))~~ (17) Keep accurate records of all commission dealings,
34 which shall be open to public inspection and audit by authorized state
35 agencies;

36 ~~((10) To))~~ (18) Contract for research to develop more efficient
37 methods of promoting the honey bee industry and its products and
38 services;

1 (~~(11)~~-Tø)) (19) Develop and conduct educational programs for the
2 benefit of industry and (~~(10)~~) inform the public regarding Washington's
3 honey bee industry;

4 (~~(12)~~-Tø)) (20) Enter into contracts and agreements for purposes
5 consistent with this chapter;

6 (~~(13)~~-Tø)) (21) Publish at least an annual report of its
7 activities and financial status subject to audit by the state auditor;

8 (~~(14)~~-Tø)) (22) Establish an operating monetary reserve and carry
9 over to subsequent fiscal periods any excess funds in the reserve:
10 PROVIDED, That the reserve funds shall not exceed one fiscal period's
11 budget. The reserve funds shall only be used to defray any expenses
12 authorized under this chapter;

13 (~~(15)~~-Tø)) (23) Audit any affected person's records as described
14 in RCW 15.62.200; and

15 (~~(16)~~-Tø)) (24) Consider the assessment of honey or manufactured
16 bee supplies produced or sold in Washington. Assessments shall only be
17 levied after a referendum is conducted and approved by a majority vote,
18 as set forth in RCW 15.62.140(4), of persons engaged in the honey bee
19 industry of Washington.

20 **Sec. 5.** RCW 15.62.070 and 1989 c 5 s 6 are each amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (1) The regular terms of office of each elected member of the
23 commission shall be three years, except that the term of office for the
24 initial members shall be as follows:

25 (a) Positions for areas one, four, and seven - one year.

26 (b) Positions for areas two, five, and eight - two years.

27 (c) Positions for areas three, six, and nine - three years.

28 (d) If filled, position for area eleven - three years.

29 (2) No elected member of the board may serve more than two full
30 consecutive three-year terms.

31 (3) Terms of office shall end on August 31st of the last year of
32 the elected or appointed term.

33 (4) Any vacancies on the commission shall be filled by a person
34 meeting the qualifications established in (~~(section 37 of this act)~~)
35 RCW 15.62.060 appointed by the other voting members of the commission.
36 The appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the term, at which
37 time an election for that position shall be conducted.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 15.62.080 and 1989 c 5 s 7 are each amended to read as
2 follows:

3 (1) Apiarist members of the commission shall be nominated and
4 elected by the apiarists within the district they are to represent in
5 the year in which a member's term expires. The candidate receiving the
6 largest number of votes cast shall be elected. The election shall be
7 by secret mail ballot and shall be conducted by the director, who shall
8 be reimbursed for actual expenses of conducting the election by the
9 commission.

10 (2) The director shall provide forms for the nomination of
11 candidates to each affected person. The nomination form shall provide
12 for the name of the person being nominated and the names of five
13 persons supporting the nomination.

14 (3) The persons nominating the candidate shall affirm that the
15 candidate meets the qualifications and is willing to serve by signing
16 the nomination form.

17 (4) The nomination forms shall be returned to the director by June
18 30th of the election year, and the director shall not accept any
19 nomination postmarked later than midnight of that date.

20 (5) In the event no nomination is submitted for a position, the
21 director shall nominate at least two, but no more than three, qualified
22 persons and place their names on the election ballot as nominees. Any
23 qualified person may be elected by write-in ballot, even though his or
24 her name was not placed in nomination.

25 (6) Ballots for electing commission members shall be mailed by the
26 director to all apiarists and brokers in areas where elections are to
27 be held no later than July 15st. Ballots, to be valid, shall be
28 returned to the director postmarked no later than July 31st. Elected
29 persons shall take office effective September 1st of the year elected
30 except, if a referendum is approved before December 31, 1998, initial
31 elections shall take place within one hundred twenty days ((after July
32 23, 1989)) of the date of approval. If a referendum is approved before
33 December 31, 1998, the director has the discretion to set dates for
34 submitting nominations, and mailing out and returning ballots for the
35 initial election of commission members.

36 (7) If a referendum to establish a commission is approved, the
37 director has the discretion to call for the immediate nomination of
38 apiarists and to establish the dates for mailing out and returning
39 ballots for the initial election of commission members.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 15.62.140 and 1989 c 5 s 14 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The commission shall collect annual assessments as follows:

4 (a) (~~Twenty-five~~) Up to fifty cents as established by the
5 commission for each colony operated by an apiarist or broker in
6 Washington at any time in a calendar year. Each colony shall be
7 assessed only once per calendar year. There shall be a minimum
8 assessment of ten dollars.

9 (b) The sale of a business enterprise by an apiarist or broker
10 shall not be assessed.

11 The provisions of this subsection (1) are effective only if the
12 referendum required by RCW 15.62.030 on the creation of the commission
13 is adopted.

14 (2) Subject to approval by referendum, the commission shall have
15 the power and duty to increase the amount of the assessments as
16 necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

17 (3) In determining the necessity for an assessment increase, the
18 commission shall consider:

19 (a) The (~~purpose~~) priorities of the commission;

20 (b) The extent and probable cost of required research, promotion,
21 and advertising;

22 (c) The extent of (~~public convenience~~) interest(~~(7)~~) by
23 beekeepers and necessity of additional program activities; and

24 (d) The expected revenue from the increased assessment.

25 (4) The increase in assessment shall not become effective until
26 approved by a majority of the affected persons voting in a referendum
27 conducted by the commission. The referendum must be approved by:

28 (a) Either fifty-one percent of the apiarists and brokers
29 representing sixty-six percent of the colonies registered in Washington
30 in the twelve months preceding voting; or

31 (b) Sixty-six percent of the apiarists and brokers representing
32 fifty-one percent of the colonies registered in Washington in the
33 twelve months preceding voting; and

34 (c) Either fifty-one percent of manufacturers, processors, and
35 first handlers representing sixty-six percent of industry products sold
36 in Washington by its residents; or

37 (d) Sixty-six percent of manufacturers, processors, and first
38 handlers representing fifty-one percent of industry products sold in
39 Washington by its residents.

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 15.62.300 and 1989 c 5 s 25 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 In the ((~~seventh~~)) fifth year following the inception of the
4 commission, a referendum shall be conducted by the department ((~~of~~
5 ~~agriculture~~)) to determine if the commission is still desired by the
6 beekeeping industry in Washington. The commission shall continue if
7 the director finds that affected apiarists and brokers voting in a
8 referendum conducted as for an assessment increase in RCW 15.62.140(4)
9 voted in favor of such continuance, otherwise it shall be terminated or
10 suspended as in RCW 15.62.310.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 17.24 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The director may establish an apiary advisory committee including
14 members representing the major segments of the apiary industry
15 including commercial and hobby beekeepers, representatives from the
16 Washington State University apiary program or cooperative extension,
17 and receivers of pollination services as deemed appropriate. The
18 advisory committee may be established to advise the director on apiary
19 issues, and especially apiary issues that require immediate attention
20 or action.

21 The apiary advisory committee shall meet at the call of the
22 director. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation
23 but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in attending
24 meetings of the committee and any other official duty approved by the
25 director, pursuant to RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

26 The role of the apiary advisory committee is to provide input to
27 the department in regards to the administration of this chapter,
28 including the formulation of any rules relating to inspection of
29 apiaries, movement of bees, quarantine measures, prevention of
30 introduction of new bee pests as defined in RCW 17.24.007(17), and
31 survey and control activities.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 17.24 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) Each person owning five or more hives with bees, brokers
35 renting hives, and beekeepers resident in other states who operate
36 hives in Washington shall register with the director on or before April

1 1st each year. Persons owning one to four hives may register with the
2 director and shall do so by April 1st of each year.

3 (2) Registration application shall include the name, address, and
4 phone number of the owner or broker, the number of colonies of bees
5 owned, brokered, or operated in Washington, and a fifteen-dollar
6 registration fee.

7 (3) The director shall provide a honey bee commission established
8 under chapter 15.62 RCW copies of registration information.

9 **Sec. 11.** RCW 15.60.005 and 1994 c 178 s 1 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
12 this section apply throughout this chapter:

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

15 ~~(2) "Director" means the director of the state department of
16 agriculture or the director's authorized representative.~~

17 ~~(3))~~ "Apiary" means a site where hives of bees or hives are kept
18 or found.

19 ~~((4) "Abandoned hive" means any hive, with or without bees, that
20 evidences a lack of being properly managed in that it has not been
21 supered in the spring, except nucs, or unsupered in the fall, or is
22 otherwise unmanaged and left without authorization and unattended on
23 the property of another person or on public land.~~

24 ~~(5) "Apiarist" means any person who owns bees or is a keeper of
25 bees in Washington.~~

26 ~~(6) "Beekeeping equipment" means any implements or devices used in
27 the manipulation of bees, their brood, or hives in an apiary.~~

28 ~~(7))~~ (2) "Bees" means adult insects, eggs, larvae, pupae, or other
29 immature stages of the species *Apis mellifera*.

30 ~~((8) "Certificate" or "certificate of inspection" means an
31 official document certifying compliance with the requirements of this
32 chapter and accompanying the movement of inspected bees, bee hives, or
33 beekeeping equipment.~~

34 ~~(9))~~ (3) "Colony" refers to a natural group of bees having a queen
35 or queens.

36 ~~((10) "Compliance agreement" means a written agreement between the
37 department and a person engaged in apiculture, or handling, selling, or~~

1 moving of hives or beekeeping equipment in which the person agrees to
2 comply with stipulated requirements.

3 (11) "~~Feral colony~~" means a colony of bees in a natural cavity or
4 a manufactured structure not intended for the keeping of bees on
5 movable frames and comb.

6 (12) "~~Swarm~~" means a natural group of bees having a queen or
7 queens, which is the progeny of a parent colony, without a hive, and
8 not a feral colony.

9 (13) "~~Disease~~" means ~~American foulbrood, European foulbrood,~~
10 ~~chalkbrood, nosema, sacbrood, or any other viral, fungal, bacterial or~~
11 ~~insect related disease affecting bees or their brood.~~

12 (14) "~~Regulated bee pests~~" means a disease of bees for which
13 maximum allowable limits of infection, or mites, or other parasites are
14 set in rule.

15 (15))) (4) "Hive" means a manufactured receptacle or container
16 prepared for the use of bees, that includes movable frames, combs, and
17 substances deposited into the hive by bees.

18 ((16)) (5) "Person" means a natural person, individual, firm,
19 partnership, company, society, association, corporation or every
20 officer, agent, or employee of one of these entities.

21 ((17) "~~Bee pests~~" means a disease, mite, or other parasite that
22 causes injury to bees.

23 (18) "~~Nets~~" means a device that is made of fabricated material and
24 that is designed and utilized to prevent the escape of bees from bee
25 hives during transit.

26 (19) "~~Apparently free~~" means no specified bee pest was found during
27 inspection of survey activities.

28 (20) "~~Substantially free~~" means levels of specified bee pests found
29 during inspection or survey activities were within established
30 tolerances.

31 (21) "~~Africanized honey bee~~" means any bee of the subspecies *Apis*
32 *mellifera scutellata*.

33 (22) "~~Super~~" means the portion of a hive in which honey is stored
34 by bees.

35 (23) "~~Broker~~" means a person, engaged in pollinating agricultural
36 crops, using hives that are owned by another person.

37 (24) "~~Grower~~" means a person engaged in producing agricultural
38 crops, and a user of honey bees for pollination of the crops.))

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** The following acts or parts of acts are
2 each repealed:

3 (1) RCW 15.60.007 and 1994 c 178 s 2, 1993 c 89 s 2, & 1988 c 4 s
4 14;

5 (2) RCW 15.60.010 and 1994 c 178 s 3, 1993 c 89 s 3, 1975-'76 2nd
6 ex.s. c 34 s 16, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.010;

7 (3) RCW 15.60.015 and 1993 c 89 s 4, 1988 c 4 s 2, 1977 ex.s. c 362
8 s 2, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.015;

9 (4) RCW 15.60.020 and 1993 c 89 s 5, 1988 c 4 s 3, 1975-'76 2nd
10 ex.s. c 34 s 17, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.020;

11 (5) RCW 15.60.025 and 1993 c 89 s 6, 1988 c 4 s 4, & 1977 ex.s. c
12 362 s 8;

13 (6) RCW 15.60.030 and 1993 c 89 s 7, 1988 c 4 s 5, 1981 c 296 s 7,
14 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 3, 1965 c 44 s 1, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.030;

15 (7) RCW 15.60.040 and 1994 c 178 s 4, 1993 c 89 s 8, 1988 c 4 s 6,
16 1981 c 296 s 8, 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 4, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.040;

17 (8) RCW 15.60.042 and 1993 c 89 s 9 & 1988 c 4 s 7;

18 (9) RCW 15.60.043 and 1994 c 178 s 5, 1993 c 89 s 10, 1988 c 4 s 8,
19 1981 c 296 s 9, & 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 9;

20 (10) RCW 15.60.050 and 1994 c 178 s 6, 1993 c 89 s 11, 1988 c 4 s
21 9, 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 5, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.050;

22 (11) RCW 15.60.100 and 1993 c 89 s 12, 1988 c 4 s 10, 1981 c 296 s
23 10, 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 7, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.100;

24 (12) RCW 15.60.110 and 1993 c 89 s 13, 1988 c 4 s 11, 1977 ex.s. c
25 362 s 6, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.110;

26 (13) RCW 15.60.120 and 1993 c 89 s 14, 1988 c 4 s 12, 1981 c 296 s
27 11, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.120;

28 (14) RCW 15.60.140 and 1993 c 89 s 15, 1988 c 4 s 13, 1981 c 296 s
29 12, & 1961 c 11 s 15.60.140;

30 (15) RCW 15.60.150 and 1993 c 89 s 16, 1981 c 296 s 13, & 1961 c 11
31 s 15.60.150;

32 (16) RCW 15.60.170 and 1993 c 89 s 17, 1991 c 363 s 15, & 1989 c
33 354 s 64;

34 (17) RCW 15.60.230 and 1993 c 89 s 19; and

35 (18) RCW 15.60.900 and 1977 ex.s. c 362 s 11.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Sections 1 through 6 and 8 of this act are
37 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,

1 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
2 institutions, and take effect immediately.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Sections 7 and 9 through 12 of this act
4 take effect January 1, 1999.

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