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By Senators Rasmussen, A. Anderson and Loveland; by request of Department of Agriculture

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1 AN ACT Relating to the degrade of dairy farm or milk processing
2 plant licenses; and amending RCW 15.36.111 and 15.36.451.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.36.111 and 1994 c 143 s 209 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The director shall inspect all dairy farms and all milk processing
7 plants prior to issuance of a license under this chapter and at a
8 frequency determined by the director by rule: PROVIDED, That the
9 director may accept the results of periodic industry inspections of
10 producer dairies if such inspections have been officially checked
11 periodically and found satisfactory. In case the director discovers
12 the violation of any item of grade requirement, he or she shall make a
13 second inspection after a lapse of such time as he or she deems
14 necessary for the defect to be remedied, but not before the lapse of
15 three days, and the second inspection shall be used in determining
16 compliance with the grade requirements of this chapter. Any violation
17 of the same requirement of this chapter on such reinspection shall call
18 for ((immediate)) degrading or summary suspension of the license in
19 accordance with the requirements of chapter 34.05 RCW.

1 One copy of the inspection report detailing the grade requirement
2 violations shall be posted by the director in a conspicuous place upon
3 an inside wall of one of the dairy farm or milk processing plant
4 buildings, and said inspection report shall not be defaced or removed
5 by any person except the director. Another copy of the inspection
6 report shall be filed with the records of the director.

7 Every milk producer and distributor shall permit the director
8 access to all parts of the establishment during the working hours of
9 the producer or distributor, which shall at a minimum include the hours
10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and every distributor shall furnish the
11 director, upon his or her request, for official use only, samples of
12 any milk product for laboratory analysis, a true statement of the
13 actual quantities of milk and milk products of each grade purchased and
14 sold, together with a list of all sources, records of inspections and
15 tests, and recording thermometer charts.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 15.36.451 and 1994 c 143 s 506 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 ~~((If at any time between the regular announcements of the grades of
19 milk or milk products, a lower grade shall become justified, in
20 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the director shall
21 immediately lower the grade of such milk or milk products, and shall
22 enforce proper labeling thereof.))~~

23 Any producer or distributor of milk or milk products the grade of
24 which has been lowered by the director, or whose permit has been
25 suspended may at any time make application for the regrading of his or
26 her products or the reinstatement of his or her permit.

27 Upon receipt of a satisfactory application, in case the lowered
28 grade or the permit suspension was the result of violation of the
29 bacteriological or cooling temperature standards, the director shall
30 take further samples of the applicant's output, at a rate of not more
31 than two samples per week. The director shall regrade the milk or milk
32 products upward or reinstate the permit on compliance with grade
33 requirements as determined in accordance with the provisions of RCW
34 15.36.201.

35 In case the lowered grade of the applicant's product or the permit
36 suspension was due to a violation of an item other than bacteriological
37 standard or cooling temperature, the said application must be
38 accompanied by a statement signed by the applicant to the effect that

1 the violated item of the specifications had been conformed with.
2 Within one week of the receipt of such an application and statement the
3 director shall make a reinspection of the applicant's establishment and
4 thereafter as many additional reinspections as he or she may deem
5 necessary to assure himself or herself that the applicant is again
6 complying with the higher grade requirements, and in case the findings
7 justify, shall regrade the milk or milk products upward or reinstate
8 the permit.

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