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SENATE BILL 6741

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By Senators Haugen and Spanel

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1 AN ACT Relating to the fishery retail fish dealer's license;  
2 amending RCW 75.28.300; and adding a new section to chapter 75.28 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 75.28.300 and 1993 sp.s. c 17 s 43 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 A wholesale fish dealer's license is required for:

7 (1) A business in the state to engage in the commercial processing  
8 of food fish or shellfish, including custom canning or processing of  
9 personal use food fish or shellfish.

10 (2) A business in the state to engage in the wholesale selling,  
11 buying, or brokering of food fish or shellfish. A wholesale fish  
12 dealer's license is not required of those businesses which buy  
13 exclusively from Washington licensed wholesale dealers and sell solely  
14 at retail.

15 ~~(3) ((Fishermen who land and sell their catch or harvest in the~~  
16 ~~state to anyone other than a licensed wholesale dealer within or~~  
17 ~~outside the state.~~

1       ~~(4))~~) A business to engage in the commercial manufacture or  
2 preparation of fertilizer, oil, meal, caviar, fish bait, or other  
3 byproducts from food fish or shellfish.

4       ~~((+5))~~ (4) A business employing a fish buyer as defined under RCW  
5 75.28.340.

6       The annual license fee for a wholesale dealer is two hundred fifty  
7 dollars. A wholesale fish dealer's license is not required for persons  
8 engaged in the processing, wholesale selling, buying, or brokering of  
9 private sector cultured aquatic products as defined in RCW 15.85.020.  
10 However, if a means of identifying such products is required by rules  
11 adopted under RCW 15.85.060, the exemption from licensing requirements  
12 established by this subsection applies only if the aquatic products are  
13 identified in conformance with those rules.

14       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.28 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16       A person who has a commercial fishery license in Washington state  
17 is required to purchase a fishery retail fish dealer's license in order  
18 to market his or her catch directly to consumers. The fee for the  
19 fishery retail fish dealer's license is fifty dollars annually. The  
20 director shall develop rules to regulate the direct marketing of catch  
21 to consumers.

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