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1 AN ACT Relating to pesticide applicators; and amending RCW
2 17.21.128 and 17.21.132.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 17.21.128 and 1994 c 283 s 13 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director may renew any certification or license issued
7 under authority of this chapter subject to the recertification
8 standards identified in subsection (2) of this section or an
9 examination requiring new knowledge that may be required to apply
10 pesticides.

11 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all
12 individuals licensed under this chapter shall meet the recertification
13 standards identified in (a) or (b) of this subsection, every five
14 years, in order to qualify for continuing licensure.

15 (a) Licensed pesticide applicators may qualify for continued
16 licensure through accumulation of recertification credits.

17 (i) Private pesticide applicators shall accumulate a minimum of
18 twenty department-approved credits every five years with no ((more))

1 less than ((eight)) four credits ((allowed per year)) accumulated
2 during any two-year period;

3 (ii) All other license types established under this chapter shall
4 accumulate a minimum of forty department-approved credits every five
5 years with no more than fifteen credits allowed per year.

6 (b) Certified pesticide applicators may qualify for continued
7 licensure through meeting the examination requirements necessary to
8 become licensed in those areas in which the licensee operates.

9 (3) At the termination of a licensee's five-year recertification
10 period, the director may waive the requirements identified in
11 subsection (2) of this section if the licensee can demonstrate that he
12 or she is meeting comparable recertification standards through another
13 state or jurisdiction or through a federal environmental protection
14 agency approved government agency plan.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 17.21.132 and 1994 c 283 s 16 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 Any person applying for a license or certification authorized under
18 the provisions of this chapter shall file an application on a form
19 prescribed by the director.

20 (1) The application shall state the license or certification and
21 the classification(s) for which the applicant is applying and the
22 method in which the pesticides are to be applied.

23 (2) For all classes of licenses except private applicator, all
24 applicants shall be at least eighteen years of age on the date that the
25 application is made. Applicants for a private pesticide applicator
26 license shall be at least sixteen years of age on the date that the
27 application is made.

28 (3) Application for a license to apply pesticides shall be
29 accompanied by the required fee. No license may be issued until the
30 required license fee has been received by the department. License fees
31 shall be prorated where necessary to accommodate staggering of
32 expiration dates of a license or licenses.

33 (4)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, each
34 classification of license issued under this chapter shall expire
35 annually on a date set by rule by the director. License expiration
36 dates may be staggered for administrative purposes. Renewal
37 applications shall be filed on or before the applicable expiration
38 date.

1 (b) A private pesticide applicator certification shall expire five
2 years after it is issued on a date set by rule by the director.

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