

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6731**

Chapter 211, Laws of 2004

58th Legislature  
2004 Regular Session

ASPARAGUS STANDARDS EXCEPTION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/29/04

Passed by the Senate February 17, 2004  
YEAS 48 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 2, 2004  
YEAS 95 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,  
Secretary of the Senate of the  
State of Washington, do hereby  
certify that the attached is  
certify that the attached is  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL  
6731** as passed by the Senate and  
the House of Representatives on  
the dates hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

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**Secretary**

Approved March 29, 2004.

FILED

March 29, 2004 - 3:10 p.m.

GARY F. LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Mulliken and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/09/04.

1 AN ACT Relating to standards and grades for fruits and vegetables;  
2 amending RCW 15.17.050; providing an expiration date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.17.050 and 1998 c 154 s 4 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The director shall adopt rules providing standards for apples,  
8 apricots, Italian prunes, peaches, sweet cherries, pears, potatoes, and  
9 asparagus, except for asparagus shipped out-of-state for fresh packing,  
10 and may adopt rules providing standards for any other fruit or  
11 vegetable. When establishing these standards, the director shall  
12 consider the factors of maturity, soundness, color, shape, size, and  
13 freedom from mechanical and plant pest injury and other factors  
14 important to marketing.

15 (2) The director shall adopt rules providing for mandatory  
16 inspection of apples, apricots, Italian prunes, peaches, sweet  
17 cherries, pears, and asparagus and may adopt rules providing for  
18 mandatory inspection of any other fruit or vegetable.

19 (3) The director may adopt rules:

1 (a) Fixing the sizes and dimensions of containers to be used for  
2 the packing or handling of any fruits or vegetables; and

3 (b) Establishing combination grades for fruits and vegetables. The  
4 standards for combination grades shall, by percentage quantities,  
5 include two or more of the grades provided for under this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act expires December 31,  
7 2005.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
11 immediately.

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