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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

AN ACT Relating to fees for the weights and measures program; amending RCW 19.94.175, 19.94.175, 15.80.450, 15.80.490, and 19.94.2582; creating new sections; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 19.94.175 and 1995 c 355 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Pursuant to RCW 19.94.015, the following annual registration fees shall be charged for each weighing or measuring instrument or device used for commercial purposes in this state:

(a) Weighing devices:

(i) Small scales "zero to four hundred pounds capacity" ... $ 7.50

(ii) Intermediate scales "four hundred one pounds to five thousand pounds capacity" ... $ 30.00

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(iii) Large scales "over five thousand pounds capacity" . . $ 63.50

(iv) Large scales with supplemental devices $ 52.00

(v) Railroad track scales $ 800.00

(b) Liquid fuel metering devices:
   (i) Motor fuel meters with flows of less than twenty gallons or less per minute $ 7.50
   (ii) Motor fuel meters with flows of more than twenty but not more than one hundred fifty gallons per minute $ 24.00
   (iii) Motor fuel meters with flows over one hundred fifty gallons per minute $ 37.50

(c) Liquid petroleum gas meters:
   (i) With one inch diameter or smaller dispensers $ 17.50
   (ii) With greater than one inch diameter dispensers $ 40.00

(d) Fabric meters $ 7.50

(e) Cordage meters $ 7.50

(f) Mass flow meters $ 107.00

(g) Taxi meters $ 15.00

(2) With the exception of subsection (3) of this section, no person shall be required to pay more than the annual registration fee for any weighing or measuring instrument or device in any one year.

(3) The department or a city sealer may establish reasonable inspection and testing fees for each type or class of weighing or measuring instrument or device specially requested to be inspected or tested by the device owner. These inspection and testing fees shall be
limited to those amounts necessary for the department or city sealer to
cover the direct costs associated with such inspection and testing.
The fees (established under this subsection) shall not be set so as
to compete with service agents normally engaged in such services.

Sec. 2. RCW 19.94.175 and 1995 c 355 s 7 are each amended to read
as follows:
(1) Pursuant to RCW 19.94.015, the following annual registration
fees shall be charged for each weighing or measuring instrument or
device used for commercial purposes in this state:

(a) Weighing devices:
(i) Small scales "zero to four
hundred pounds capacity" . . . $ 10.00
(ii) Intermediate scales "four
hundred one pounds to five
thousand pounds capacity" . . $ 40.00
(iii) Large scales "over five
thousand pounds capacity" . . $ 75.00
(iv) Railroad track scales . . . . $ 800.00

(b) Liquid fuel metering devices:
(i) Motor fuel meters with flows of
(less than) twenty gallons or
less per minute . . . . . . . . . . $ 10.00
(ii) Motor fuel meters with flows of
more than twenty but not more
than one hundred fifty gallons
per minute . . . . . . . . . . . . . $ 32.00
(iii) Motor fuel meters with flows
over one hundred fifty gallons
per minute . . . . . . . . . . . . . $ 50.00

(c) Liquid petroleum gas meters:
(i) With one inch diameter or
smaller dispensers . . . . . . . $ 25.00
(ii) With greater than one inch diameter dispensers .......... $ 50.00
(d) Fabric meters ................. $ 10.00
(e) Cordage meters ............... $ 10.00
(f) Mass flow meters .............. $ 200.00
(g) Taxi meters ...................... $ 25.00

(2) With the exception of subsection (3) of this section, no person shall be required to pay more than the ((established)) annual registration fee ((adopted under this section)) for any weighing or measuring instrument or device in any one year.

(3) The department or a city sealer may establish reasonable inspection and testing fees for each type or class of weighing or measuring instrument or device specially requested to be inspected or tested by the device owner. These inspection and testing fees shall be limited to those amounts necessary for the department or city sealer to cover the direct costs associated with such inspection and testing. The fees ((established under this subsection)) shall not be set so as to compete with service agents normally engaged in such services.

Sec. 3. RCW 15.80.450 and 1969 ex.s. c 100 s 16 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person may apply to the director for a weighmaster's license. Such application shall be on a form prescribed by the director and shall include:

(1) The full name of the person applying for such license and if the applicant is a partnership, association or corporation, the full name of each member of the partnership or the names of the officers of the association or corporation;

(2) The principal business address of the applicant in this state and elsewhere;

(3) The names of the persons authorized to receive and accept service of summons and legal notice of all kinds for the applicant;

(4) The location of any scale or scales subject to the applicant's control and from which certified weights will be issued; and
Such other information as the director feels necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Such annual application shall be accompanied by a license fee of \((\text{twenty})\) fifty dollars for each scale from which certified weights will be issued and a bond as provided for in RCW 15.80.480.

Sec. 4. RCW 15.80.490 and 1969 ex.s. c 100 s 20 are each amended to read as follows:

Any weighmaster may file an application with the director for a license for any employee or agent to operate and issue certified weight tickets from a scale which such weighmaster is licensed to operate under the provisions of this chapter. Such application shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the director and shall contain the following:

(1) Name of the weighmaster;
(2) The full name of the employee or agent and his resident address;
(3) The position held by such person with the weighmaster;
(4) The scale or scales from which such employee or agent will issue certified weights; and
(5) Signature of the weigher and the weighmaster.

Such annual application shall be accompanied by a license fee of \((\text{five})\) ten dollars.

Sec. 5. RCW 19.94.2582 and 1995 c 355 s 16 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Each request for an official registration certificate shall be in writing, under oath, and on a form prescribed by the department and shall contain any relevant information as the director may require, including but not limited to the following:

(a) The name and address of the person, corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship requesting registration;
(b) The names and addresses of all individuals requesting an official registration certificate from the department; and
(c) The tax registration number as required under RCW 82.32.030 or uniform business identifier provided on a master license issued under RCW 19.02.070.
(2) Each individual when submitting a request for an official registration certificate or a renewal of such a certificate shall pay a fee to the department in the amount of ((eighty)) one hundred sixty dollars per individual.

(3) The department shall issue a decision on a request for an official registration certificate within twenty days of receipt of the request. If an individual is denied their request for an official registration certificate, the department must notify that individual in writing stating the reasons for the denial and shall refund any payments made by that individual in connection with the request.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The director of the department of agriculture or the director's designee shall convene its weights and measures advisory committee on a quarterly basis to monitor implementation of this act. The department and the advisory committee shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2006, if they have any recommended changes to the implementation of the weights and measures program.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The department of agriculture shall provide a report to appropriate committees of the legislature on the status of the weights and measures program by December 15, 2007.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. (1) Sections 1 and 3 through 7 of this act take effect July 1, 2006.

(2) Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1, 2007.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Section 1 of this act expires July 1, 2007.

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