CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2457

Chapter 151, Laws of 1992 (partial veto)

52nd Legislature 1992 Regular Session

AGRICULTURAL NUISANCES--REVISIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/92

Passed by the House March 7, 1992 Yeas 94 Nays 2

JOE KING

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 3, 1992 Yeas 44 Nays 1

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2457 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Approved April 1, 1992, with the exception of section 2, which is vetoed.

ALAN THOMPSON

Chief Clerk

FILED

April 1, 1992 - 10:30 a.m.

BOOTH GARDNER

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State State of Washington

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2457

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Rayburn, McLean, Rasmussen, Neher, Nealey, Hochstatter, Lisk, Morton, D. Sommers, Kremen, Ballard, Van Luven, Prentice, R. Johnson, Edmondson and Bray)

Read first time 02/07/92.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to agricultural nuisances; and amending RCW
- 2 7.48.305 and 46.61.655.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 7.48.305 and 1979 c 122 s 2 are each amended to read
- 5 as follows:
- 6 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, agricultural
- 7 activities conducted on farmland, if consistent with good agricultural
- 8 practices and established prior to surrounding nonagricultural
- 9 activities, are presumed to be reasonable and ((do)) <u>shall</u> not <u>be</u>
- 10 found to constitute a nuisance unless the activity has a substantial
- 11 adverse effect on the public health and safety.
- 12 If that agricultural activity is undertaken in conformity with
- 13 federal, state, and local laws and regulations, it is presumed to be
- 14 good agricultural practice and not adversely affecting the public

- 1 health and safety. An agricultural activity that is in conformity with
- 2 such laws and rules shall not be restricted as to the hours of the day
- 3 or day or days of the week during which it may be conducted.
- 4 Nothing in this section shall affect or impair any right to sue for
- 5 <u>damages</u>.
- *Sec. 2. RCW 46.61.655 and 1990 c 250 s 56 are each amended to read
- 8 as follows:
- 9 (1) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any public highway
- 10 unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of
- 11 its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping
- 12 therefrom, except that sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing
- 13 traction. Any person operating a vehicle from which any glass or
- 14 objects have fallen or escaped, which would constitute an obstruction
- 15 or injure a vehicle or otherwise endanger travel upon such public
- 16 highway shall immediately cause the public highway to be cleaned of all
- 17 such glass or objects and shall pay any costs therefor.
- 18 (2) No person may operate on any public highway any vehicle with
- 19 any load unless the load and such covering as required thereon by
- 20 subsection (3) of this section is securely fastened to prevent the
- 21 covering or load from becoming loose, detached, or in any manner a
- 22 hazard to other users of the highway.
- 23 (3) Any vehicle operating on a paved public highway with a load of
- 24 dirt, sand, or gravel susceptible to being dropped, spilled, leaked, or
- 25 otherwise escaping therefrom shall be covered so as to prevent
- 26 spillage. Covering of such loads is not required if six inches of
- 27 freeboard is maintained within the bed.
- 28 (4) Any vehicle with deposits of mud, rocks, or other debris on the
- 29 vehicle's body, fenders, frame, undercarriage, wheels, or tires shall

- be cleaned of such material before the operation of the vehicle on a
- 2 paved public highway.
- 3 (5) The state patrol may make necessary rules to carry into effect
- the provisions of this section, applying such provisions to specific 4
- conditions and loads and prescribing means, methods, and practices to 5
- 6 effectuate such provisions.
- 7 (6) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a public
- maintenance vehicle from dropping sand on a highway to enhance 8
- 9 traction, or sprinkling water or other substances to clean or maintain
- a highway. 10
- (7) This section does not apply to waste products falling from 11
- 12 vehicles hauling live farm animals when crossing a ferry capable only
- of transporting fewer than twenty-five vehicles. 13
- 14 *Sec. 2 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

Passed the House March 7, 1992.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1992.

Approved by the Governor April 1, 1992, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 1, 1992.

- Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows: 1
- "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2, 2 3 Substitute House Bill No. 2457 entitled:
- 4 "AN ACT Relating to agricultural nuisances."
- 5 Substitute House Bill No. 2457 clarifies that a normal agricultural practice does not constitute a nuisance. Section 2 exempts vehicles 6 hauling live farm animals from laws requiring loads to be secure while 7 those vehicles are crossing certain ferries. This section is aimed at 8 allowing the continued transport of livestock across the Keller Ferry 9 10 on Lake Roosevelt without regard to animal waste which falls from 11 transport vehicles.
- 12 It is my understanding that the Department of Transportation has 13 given assurances to livestock transporters that the use of the Keller
- 14 Ferry will not be denied to vehicles hauling live farm animals. As a
- 15
- result, section 2 is unnecessary. I urge continued cooperation between the Department of Transportation and affected parties to address any 16
- 17 concerns about the use of the Keller Ferry.
- 18 For the reason stated above, I have vetoed section 2 of Substitute
- House Bill No. 2457. 19

 $\,$ $\,$ $\,$ With the exception of section 2, I have approved Substitute House $\,$ $\,$ Bill No. 2457."