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I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1622** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of fertilizer; amending RCW
- 2 15.54.270, 15.54.330, 15.54.340, 15.54.350, 15.54.362, 15.54.370,
- 3 15.54.380, 15.54.414, 15.54.420, 15.54.436, 15.54.470, and 15.54.800;
- 4 adding new sections to chapter 15.54 RCW; and repealing RCW 15.54.272,
- 5 15.54.274, 15.54.276, 15.54.278, 15.54.280, 15.54.281, 15.54.282,
- 6 15.54.284, 15.54.286, 15.54.288, 15.54.290, 15.54.292, 15.54.294,
- $7 \quad 15.54.296\,, \quad 15.54.297\,, \quad 15.54.298\,, \quad 15.54.300\,, \quad 15.54.302\,, \quad 15.54.304\,,$
- 8 15.54.306, 15.54.307, and 15.54.320.
- 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 15.54.270 and 1987 c 45 s 1 are each amended to read
- 11 as follows:
- Terms used in this chapter ((shall)) have the meaning given to them
- 13 in this chapter unless ((where used)) the context ((thereof shall))
- 14 clearly indicates ((to the contrary)) otherwise.
- 15 (1) "Brand" means a term, design, or trademark used in connection
- 16 with the distribution and sale of one or more grades of commercial
- 17 fertilizers.

- 1 (2) "Bulk fertilizer" means commercial fertilizer distributed in a 2 nonpackage form such as, but not limited to, tote bags, tote tanks, 3 bins, tanks, trailers, spreader trucks, and railcars.
- 4 <u>(3) "Calcium carbonate equivalent" means the acid-neutralizing</u>
 5 <u>capacity of an agricultural liming material expressed as a weight</u>
 6 percentage of calcium carbonate.
- 7 (4) "Commercial fertilizer" means a substance containing one or 8 more recognized plant nutrients and that is used for its plant nutrient 9 content or that is designated for use or claimed to have value in 10 promoting plant growth, and shall include limes, gypsum, and 11 manipulated animal and vegetable manures. It does not include 12 unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures and other products exempted 13 by the department by rule.
- 14 <u>(5) "Customer-formula fertilizer" means a mixture of commercial</u>
 15 <u>fertilizer or materials of which each batch is mixed according to the</u>
 16 <u>specifications of the final purchaser.</u>
- 17 <u>(6) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state</u>
 18 <u>of Washington or its duly authorized representative.</u>
- 19 <u>(7) "Director" means the director of the department of agriculture.</u>
- 20 <u>(8) "Distribute" means to import, consign, manufacture, produce,</u>
 21 <u>compound, mix, or blend commercial fertilizer, or to offer for sale,</u>
- 22 <u>sell, barter, exchange, or otherwise supply commercial fertilizer in</u> 23 <u>this state</u>.
- 24 (9) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.
- 25 (10) "Grade" means the percentage of total nitrogen, available
- 26 phosphoric acid, and soluble potash stated in whole numbers in the same
- 27 terms, order, and percentages as in the "guaranteed analysis," unless
- 28 otherwise allowed by a rule adopted by the department. Specialty
- 29 <u>fertilizers may be guaranteed in fractional units of less than one</u>
- 30 percent of total nitrogen, available phosphorus or phosphoric acid, and
- 31 <u>soluble potassium or potash.</u> Fertilizer materials, bone meal, manures,
- 32 and similar materials may be guaranteed in fractional units.
- 33 (11) "Guaranteed analysis."
- 34 (a) Until the director prescribes an alternative form of
- 35 <u>"guaranteed analysis" by rule the term "guaranteed analysis" shall mean</u>
- 36 the minimum percentage of plant nutrients claimed in the following
- 37 <u>order and form:</u>
- Total nitrogen (N) percent

- Available phosphoric acid (P205) . . . percent

 Soluble potash (K20) percent
- The percentage shall be stated in whole numbers unless otherwise allowed by the department by rule.
- 5 The "guaranteed analysis" may also include elemental guarantees for 6 phosphorus (P) and potassium (K).
- 7 (b) For unacidulated mineral phosphatic material and basic slag, 8 bone, tankage, and other organic phosphatic materials, the total 9 phosphoric acid or degree of fineness may also be guaranteed.
- (c) Guarantees for plant nutrients other than nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium shall be as allowed or required by rule of the department. The guarantees for such other nutrients shall be expressed in the form of the element.
- (d) The guaranteed analysis for limes shall include the percentage of calcium or magnesium expressed as their carbonate; the calcium carbonate equivalent as determined by methods prescribed by the association of official analytical chemists; and the minimum percentage of material that will pass respectively a one hundred mesh, sixty mesh, and ten mesh sieve. The mesh size declaration may also include the percentage of material that will pass additional mesh sizes.
- (e) In commercial fertilizer, the principal constituent of which is calcium sulfate (gypsum), the percentage of calcium sulfate (CaSO4.2H2O) shall be given along with the percentage of total sulfur.
- 24 <u>(12) "Label" means the display of all written, printed, or graphic</u> 25 <u>matter, upon the immediate container, or a statement accompanying a</u> 26 <u>fertilizer.</u>
- 27 (13) "Labeling" includes all written, printed, or graphic matter,
 28 upon or accompanying a commercial fertilizer, or advertisement,
 29 brochures, posters, television, and radio announcements used in
 30 promoting the sale of such fertilizer.
- 31 (14) "Licensee" means the person who receives a license to 32 distribute a fertilizer under the provisions of this chapter.
- 33 (15) "Lime" means a substance or a mixture of substances, the 34 principal constituent of which is calcium or magnesium carbonate, 35 hydroxide, or oxide, singly or combined.
- 36 (16) "Manipulation" means processed or treated in any manner, 37 including drying to a moisture content less than thirty percent.

- 1 (17) "Manufacture" means to compound, produce, granulate, mix,
- 2 <u>blend</u>, repackage, or otherwise alter the composition of fertilizer
- 3 <u>materials</u>.
- 4 (18) "Official sample" means a sample of commercial fertilizer
- 5 taken by the department and designated as "official" by the department.
- 6 (19) "Packaged fertilizer" means commercial fertilizers, either
- 7 agricultural or specialty, distributed in nonbulk form.
- 8 (20) "Person" means an individual, firm, brokerage, partnership,
- 9 corporation, company, society, or association.
- 10 (21) "Percent" or "percentage" means the percentage by weight.
- 11 (22) "Registrant" means the person who registers commercial
- 12 <u>fertilizer under the provisions of this chapter.</u>
- 13 (23) "Specialty fertilizer" means a commercial fertilizer
- 14 distributed primarily for nonfarm use, such as, but not limited to, use
- 15 on home gardens, lawns, shrubbery, flowers, golf courses, municipal
- 16 parks, cemeteries, greenhouses, and nurseries.
- 17 (24) "Ton" means the net weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois.
- 18 (25) "Total nutrients" means the sum of the percentages of total
- 19 nitrogen, available phosphoric acid, and soluble potash as quaranteed
- 20 and as determined by analysis.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 15.54 RCW
- 22 to read as follows:
- 23 (1) No person may distribute a commercial fertilizer in this state,
- 24 except packaged fertilizers, until a license to distribute has been
- 25 obtained by that person. An annual license is required for each out-
- 26 of-state or in-state location that distributes nonpackaged commercial
- 27 fertilizer in Washington state. An application for each location shall
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- 28 be filed on forms provided by the master license system and shall be
- 29 accompanied by an annual fee of twenty-five dollars per location. The
- 30 license shall expire on the master license expiration date.
- 31 (2) An application for license shall include the following:
- 32 (a) The name and address of licensee.
- 33 (b) Any other information required by the department by rule.
- 34 (3) The name and address shown on the license shall be shown on all
- 35 labels, pertinent invoices, and storage facilities for fertilizer
- 36 distributed by the licensee in this state.
- 37 (4) If an application for license renewal provided for in this
- 38 section is not filed prior to master license expiration date, a

- 1 delinquency fee of twenty-five dollars shall be assessed and added to
- 2 the original fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the renewal
- 3 license shall be issued. The assessment of this delinquency fee shall
- 4 not prevent the department from taking any other action as provided for
- 5 in this chapter. The penalty shall not apply if the applicant
- 6 furnishes an affidavit that he or she has not distributed this
- 7 commercial fertilizer subsequent to the expiration of his or her prior
- 8 license.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 15.54 RCW 10 to read as follows:
- 11 (1) No person may distribute in this state a packaged fertilizer
- 12 until it is registered with the department by the distributor whose
- 13 name appears on the label. An application for each packaged fertilizer
- 14 product shall be made on a form furnished by the department and shall
- 15 be accompanied by an initial fee of twenty-five dollars for the first
- 16 product and ten dollars for each additional product. Labels for each
- 17 product shall accompany the application. All companies planning to mix
- 18 packaged customer-formula fertilizers shall include the statement
- 19 "customer formula grade mixes" under the column headed "product name"
- 20 on the product registration application form. All customer-formula
- 21 fertilizers sold under one brand name shall be considered one product.
- 22 Upon the approval of an application by the department, a copy of the
- 23 registration shall be furnished to the applicant. All registrations
- 24 expire on June 30th of each year except that for the period beginning
- 25 January 1, 1994, the registration shall expire on June 30, 1995.
- 26 (2) An application for registration shall include the following:
- 27 (a) The product name;
- 28 (b) The brand and grade;
- 29 (c) The guaranteed analysis;
- 30 (d) Name and address of the registrant;
- 31 (e) Labels for each product being registered;
- 32 (f) Any other information required by the department by rule.
- 33 (3) If an application for renewal of the product registration
- 34 provided for in this section is not filed prior to July 1st of any one
- 35 year, a penalty of ten dollars per product shall be assessed and added
- 36 to the original fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the
- 37 renewal registration shall be issued. The assessment of this late
- 38 collection fee shall not prevent the department from taking any other

- 1 action as provided for in this chapter. The penalty shall not apply if
- 2 the applicant furnishes an affidavit that he or she has not distributed
- 3 this commercial fertilizer subsequent to the expiration of his or her
- 4 prior registration.
- 5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 15.54.330 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 21 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
- 7 (1) The department shall examine the <u>packaged fertilizer product</u>
- 8 registration application form and labels for conformance with the
- 9 requirements of this chapter. If the application and appropriate
- 10 labels are in proper form and contain the required information, the
- 11 particular ((brand and grade of commercial fertilizer)) <u>packaged</u>
- 12 <u>fertilizer products</u> shall be registered by the department and a
- 13 certificate of registration shall be issued to the applicant. ((The
- 14 department may refuse registration, or cancel the registration, of any
- 15 brand or grade of commercial fertilizer, the distribution of which
- 16 would be in violation of any provisions of this chapter.))
- 17 (2) In reviewing the packaged fertilizer product registration
- 18 application, the department may consider experimental data,
- 19 manufacturers' evaluations, data from agricultural experiment stations,
- 20 product review evaluations, or other authoritative sources to
- 21 <u>substantiate labeling claims</u>. The data shall be from statistically
- 22 designed and analyzed trials representative of the soil, crops, and
- 23 climatic conditions found in the northwestern area of the United
- 24 States.
- 25 (3) In determining whether approval of a labeling statement or
- 26 guarantee of an ingredient is appropriate, the department may require
- 27 the submission of a written statement describing the methodology of
- 28 laboratory analysis utilized, the source of the ingredient material,
- 29 and any reference material relied upon to support the label statement
- 30 or quarantee of ingredient.
- 31 **Sec. 5.** RCW 15.54.340 and 1987 c 45 s 12 are each amended to read
- 32 as follows:
- 33 (1) Any ((commercial)) packaged fertilizer distributed in this
- 34 state in containers shall have placed on or affixed to the
- 35 ((container)) package a label setting forth in clearly legible and
- 36 conspicuous form the following information:
- 37 (a) The net weight;

- 1 (b) The <u>product name</u>, brand, and grade. The grade ((shall not be))
 2 <u>is not</u> required ((when)) <u>if</u> no primary nutrients are claimed;
 - (c) The guaranteed analysis;

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- 4 (d) The name and address of the registrant <u>or licensee</u>. The name 5 and address of the manufacturer, if different from the registrant <u>or</u> 6 <u>licensee</u>, may also be stated; and
 - (e) Other information as required by the department by rule.
- 8 (2) If <u>a commercial fertilizer is</u> distributed in bulk, a written or 9 printed statement of the information required by subsection (1) above 10 shall accompany delivery and be supplied to the purchaser at the time 11 of delivery.
- (3) Each delivery of a customer-formula fertilizer shall be subject 12 to containing those ingredients specified by the purchaser, which 13 14 ingredients shall be shown on the statement or invoice with the amount 15 contained therein, and a record of all invoices of customer-formula grade mixes shall be kept by the registrant or licensee for a period of 16 ((six)) twelve months and shall be available to the department upon 17 request: PROVIDED, That each such delivery shall be accompanied by 18 19 either a statement, invoice, a delivery slip, or a label if bagged, containing the following information: The net weight; the brand; the 20 guaranteed analysis which may be stated to the nearest tenth of a 21 percent or to the next lower whole number; the name and address of the 22 registrant or licensee, or manufacturer, or both; and the name and 23 24 address of the purchaser.
- 25 **Sec. 6.** RCW 15.54.350 and 1987 c 45 s 13 are each amended to read 26 as follows:
- (1) There shall be paid to the department for all commercial fertilizers distributed in this state to nonregistrants or nonlicensees an inspection fee of ((nine)) <u>fifteen</u> cents per ton of lime and ((eighteen)) <u>thirty</u> cents per ton of all other commercial fertilizer distributed during the year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th.
- (2) ((In computing the tonnage on which the inspection fee must be paid, distribution of commercial fertilizers in packages weighing five pounds net or less, and distribution of commercial fertilizers for shipment to points outside this state may be excluded.)) Distribution of commercial fertilizers for shipment to points outside this state may
- 37 <u>be excluded.</u>

- 1 (3) When more than one distributor is involved in the distribution 2 of a commercial fertilizer, the last registrant <u>or licensee</u> who 3 distributes to a nonregistrant <u>or nonlicensee</u> is responsible for paying 4 the inspection fee, unless the payment of fees has been made by a prior 5 distributor of the fertilizer.
- 6 **Sec. 7.** RCW 15.54.362 and 1987 c 45 s 14 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 (1) Every registrant or licensee who distributes commercial fertilizer in this state shall file a semiannual report ((with the 9 department)) on forms provided by the department setting forth the 10 number of net tons of each commercial fertilizer so distributed in this 11 The reports will cover the following periods: January 1 12 state. 13 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31 of each year. 14 reports shall be due on or before thirty days following the close of the reporting period: PROVIDED, That)) Upon permission of the 15 16 department, an annual statement under oath may be filed for the annual reporting period of July 1 through June 30 of any year by any person 17 18 distributing within the state less than one hundred tons for each six-19 month period during any calendar year, and upon filing such statement, such person shall pay the inspection fee required under RCW 15.54.350. 20 The department may accept sales records or other records accurately 21 reflecting the tonnage sold and verifying such reports. 22
 - (2) Each person responsible for the payment of inspection fees for commercial fertilizer distributed in this state shall include the inspection fees with the report on the same dates and for the same reporting periods mentioned in subsection (1) of this section. If in one year a registrant or licensee distributes less than eighty-three tons of commercial fertilizer or less than one hundred sixty-seven tons of commercial lime or equivalent combination of the two, the registrant or licensee shall pay the minimum inspection fee. The minimum inspection fee shall be twenty-five dollars per year.
- 32 (3) The department may, upon request, require registrants or 33 <u>licensees</u> to furnish information setting forth the net tons of 34 commercial fertilizer distributed to each location in this state.
 - (4) <u>Semiannual or annual reports filed after the close of the corresponding reporting period shall pay a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars.</u> Inspection fees which are due and have not been remitted to the department by the due date shall have a late-collection fee of

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- ten percent, but not less than ((five)) twenty-five dollars, added to the amount due when payment is finally made. The assessment of this late collection fee shall not prevent the department from taking any other action as provided for in this chapter.
- 5 (5) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to divulge any information provided under this section that would reveal the business 6 7 operation of the person making the report. However, nothing contained 8 in this subsection may be construed to prevent or make unlawful the use 9 of information concerning the business operations of a person in any 10 action, suit, or proceeding instituted under the authority of this chapter, including any civil action for the collection of unpaid 11 inspection fees, which action is hereby authorized and which shall be 12 as an action at law in the name of the director of the department. 13
- 14 **Sec. 8.** RCW 15.54.370 and 1987 c 45 s 16 are each amended to read 15 as follows:
- 16 (1) It shall be the duty of the department to inspect, sample, make analysis of, and test commercial fertilizers distributed within this 17 18 state at such time and place and to such an extent as it may deem necessary to determine whether such fertilizers are in compliance with 19 the provisions of this chapter. The department is authorized to stop 20 any commercial vehicle transporting fertilizers on the public highways 21 22 and direct it to the nearest scales approved by the department to check 23 weights of fertilizers being delivered. The department is also authorized, upon presentation of proper identification, to enter any 24 25 distributor's premises, including any vehicle of transport, at all reasonable times in order to have access to commercial fertilizers and 26 to records relating to their distribution. 27
- (2) The methods of sampling and analysis shall be those adopted by the department from officially recognized sources.
- 30 (3) The department, in determining for administrative purposes 31 whether a fertilizer is deficient in any component or total nutrients, 32 shall be guided solely by the official sample as defined in RCW ((15.54.300)) 15.54.270 and obtained and analyzed as provided for in 34 this section.
- 35 (4) When the inspection and analysis of an official sample has been 36 made, the results of analysis shall be forwarded by the department to 37 the registrant or licensee and to the purchaser, if known. Upon

- 1 request and within thirty days, the department shall furnish to the 2 registrant or licensee a portion of the sample concerned.
- 3 (5) Analysis of an official sample by the department shall be 4 accepted as prima facie evidence by any court of competent 5 jurisdiction.
- 6 **Sec. 9.** RCW 15.54.380 and 1987 c 45 s 17 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 (1) If the analysis shall show that any commercial fertilizer falls 9 short of the guaranteed analysis in any one plant nutrient or in total 10 nutrients, penalty shall be assessed in favor of the department in 11 accordance with the following provisions:
- 12 (a) A penalty of three times the commercial value of the deficiency, if such deficiency in any one plant nutrient is more than 13 14 two percent under guarantee on any one commercial fertilizer in which 15 that plant nutrient is guaranteed up to and including ten percent; a penalty of three times the commercial value of the deficiency, if such 16 deficiency in any one plant nutrient is more than three percent under 17 18 guarantee on any one commercial fertilizer in which that plant nutrient 19 is guaranteed from ten and one-tenth percent to twenty percent; a penalty of three times the commercial value of the deficiency, if such 20 21 deficiency in any one plant nutrient is more than four percent under 22 guarantee on any one commercial fertilizer in which that plant nutrient 23 is guaranteed twenty and one-tenth percent and above.
- (b) A penalty of three times the commercial value of the total nutrient deficiency shall be assessed when such deficiency is more than two percent under the calculated total nutrient guarantee.
- (c) When a commercial fertilizer is subject to penalty under both all and (b) above, only the larger penalty shall be assessed.
- (2) All penalties assessed under this section on any one commercial fertilizer, represented by the sample analyzed, shall be paid to the department within three months after the date of notice from the department to the registrant or licensee. The department shall deposit the amount of the penalty into the fertilizer, agricultural mineral and lime account.
- 35 (3) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent any person from 36 appealing to a court of competent jurisdiction for a judgment as to the 37 justification of such penalties imposed under subsections (1) and (2) 38 above.

- 1 (4) The civil penalties payable in subsections (1) and (2) above 2 shall in no manner be construed as limiting the consumer's right to
- 3 bring a civil action in damage against the registrant or licensee
- 4 paying said civil penalties.
- 5 **Sec. 10.** RCW 15.54.414 and 1987 c 45 s 21 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- No person may distribute an adulterated commercial fertilizer. A commercial fertilizer ((shall be deemed to be)) is adulterated:
- 9 (1) If it contains any deleterious or harmful ingredient in 10 sufficient amount to render it injurious to beneficial plant life when 11 applied in accordance with directions for use on the label, or if 12 adequate warning statements or directions for use which may be 13 necessary to protect plant life are not shown upon the label;
- 14 (2) If its composition falls below or differs from that which it is 15 purported to possess by its labeling; or
- 16 (3) If it contains unwanted viable seed.
- 17 **Sec. 11.** RCW 15.54.420 and 1987 c 45 s 22 are each amended to read 18 as follows:
- 19 It shall be unlawful for any person to:
- 20 (1) Distribute an adulterated or misbranded commercial fertilizer;
- (2) Fail, refuse, or neglect to place upon or attach to each ((container)) package of distributed commercial fertilizer a label containing all of the information required by this chapter;
- (3) Fail, refuse, or neglect to deliver to a purchaser of bulk commercial fertilizer a statement containing the information required by this chapter; ((or))
- 27 (4) Distribute a ((brand or grade of commercial)) packaged 28 fertilizer product which has not been registered with the department:
- 29 (5) Distribute bulk fertilizer without holding a license to do so;
- 30 <u>(6) Distribute unregistered packaged fertilizer. It is the</u> 31 responsibility of the person who manufactures or subsequently packages
- 32 that fertilizer to register it prior to distribution in this state;
- 33 (7) Refuse or neglect to keep and maintain records, or to make 34 reports when and as required; or
- 35 <u>(8) Make false or fraudulent records, invoices, or reports</u>.

- 1 **Sec. 12.** RCW 15.54.436 and 1987 c 45 s 24 are each amended to read 2 as follows:
- The department may cancel the <u>license to distribute commercial</u>

 fertilizer or registration of any ((brand and grade of commercial))
- 5 <u>packaged</u> fertilizer <u>product</u> or refuse to <u>license a distributor or</u>
- 6 register any ((brand and grade of commercial)) packaged fertilizer
- 7 product as provided in this chapter((, upon satisfactory evidence that
- 8 the registrant has used fraudulent or deceptive practices in the
- 9 evasion or attempted evasion of any provision of this chapter or any
- 10 rule adopted thereunder: PROVIDED, That no registration may be revoked
- 11 or refused until the registrant has been given the opportunity to
- 12 appear for a hearing by the department)) due to:
- 13 <u>(1) An incomplete or insufficient license or registration</u>
- 14 <u>application;</u>
- 15 (2) The misbranding or adulteration of a commercial fertilizer; or
- 16 (3) A violation of this chapter or rules adopted under this
- 17 <u>chapter.</u>
- 18 If the department cancels or refuses to renew an existing license
- 19 <u>or registration due to the misbranding or adulteration of a commercial</u>
- 20 fertilizer or due to a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted
- 21 <u>hereunder</u>, the licensee/registrant or applicant may request a hearing
- 22 as provided for in chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 23 **Sec. 13.** RCW 15.54.470 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 35 are each amended to read as follows:
- 25 (1) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be
- 26 guilty of a misdemeanor, and the fines collected shall be disposed of
- 27 as provided under RCW 15.54.480.
- 28 (2) Nothing in this chapter shall be considered as requiring the
- 29 department to report for prosecution or to cancel the registration of
- 30 a ((brand or grade)) packaged fertilizer product or to stop the sale of
- 31 fertilizers for violations of this chapter, when violations are of a
- 32 minor character, and/or when the department believes that the public
- 33 interest will be served and protected by a suitable notice of the
- 34 violation in writing.
- 35 (3) It shall be the duty of each prosecuting attorney to whom any
- 36 violation of this chapter is reported, to cause appropriate proceedings
- 37 to be instituted and prosecuted in a court of competent jurisdiction
- 38 without delay. Before the department reports a violation of this

- 1 chapter for such prosecution, an opportunity shall be given the
- 2 distributor to present his or her view in writing or orally to the
- 3 department.
- 4 (4) The department is hereby authorized to apply for, and the court
- 5 authorized to grant, a temporary or permanent injunction restraining
- 6 any person from violating or continuing to violate any of the
- 7 provisions of this chapter or any rule ((or regulation promulgated))
- 8 adopted under this chapter, notwithstanding the existence of any other
- 9 remedy at law. Any such injunction shall be issued without bond.
- 10 **Sec. 14.** RCW 15.54.800 and 1987 c 45 s 9 are each amended to read
- 11 as follows:
- 12 (1) The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of
- 13 this chapter and any rules adopted under this chapter. All authority
- 14 and requirements provided for in chapter((s)) 34.05 ((and 42.32)) RCW
- 15 apply to this chapter in the adoption of rules.
- 16 (2) The director may adopt appropriate rules for carrying out the
- 17 purpose and provisions of this chapter, including but not limited to
- 18 rules providing for:
- 19 (a) Definitions of terms;
- 20 (b) Determining standards for labeling and registration of
- 21 fertilizers and agricultural minerals and limes;
- 22 (c) The collection and examination of fertilizers and agricultural
- 23 mineral and limes;
- 24 (d) Recordkeeping by registrants <u>and licensees</u>;
- 25 (e) Regulation of the use and disposal of fertilizers for the
- 26 protection of ground water and surface water; and
- 27 (f) The safe handling, transportation, storage, display, and
- 28 distribution of fertilizers.
- 29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 15.** The following acts or parts of acts are
- 30 each repealed:
- 31 (1) RCW 15.54.272 and 1987 c 45 s 2 & 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 2;
- 32 (2) RCW 15.54.274 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 3;
- 33 (3) RCW 15.54.276 and 1987 c 45 s 3 & 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 4;
- 34 (4) RCW 15.54.278 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 5;
- 35 (5) RCW 15.54.280 and 1987 c 45 s 4 & 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 6;
- 36 (6) RCW 15.54.281 and 1987 c 45 s 6;
- 37 (7) RCW 15.54.282 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 7;

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(8) RCW 15.54.284 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 8;
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        (9) RCW 15.54.286 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 9;
        (10) RCW 15.54.288 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 10;
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        (11) RCW 15.54.290 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 11;
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        (12) RCW 15.54.292 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 12;
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        (13) RCW 15.54.294 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 13;
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        (14) RCW 15.54.296 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 14;
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        (15) RCW 15.54.297 and 1987 c 45 s 5;
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        (16) RCW 15.54.298 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 15;
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        (17) RCW 15.54.300 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 16;
        (18) RCW 15.54.302 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 17;
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        (19) RCW 15.54.304 and 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 18;
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        (20) RCW 15.54.306 and 1987 c 45 s 7;
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        (21) RCW 15.54.307 and 1987 c 45 s 8; and
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        (22) RCW 15.54.320 and 1987 c 45 s 11 & 1967 ex.s. c 22 s 20.
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