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to livestock identification; amending RCW AN ACT Relating 1 2 16.57.010, 16.57.015, 16.57.020, 16.57.023, 16.57.025, 16.57.030, 16.57.120, 3 16.57.040, 16.57.050, 16.57.080, 16.57.090, 16.57.100, 16.57.130, 16.57.140, 16.57.150, 16.57.160, 16.57.165, 16.57.170, 4 16.57.240, 5 16.57.180, 16.57.200, 16.57.210, 16.57.220, 16.57.230, б 16.57.260, 16.57.270, 16.57.275, 16.57.280, 16.57.290, 16.57.300, 7 16.57.310, 16.57.320, 16.57.330, 16.57.340, 16.57.360, 16.57.370, 16.65.015, 16.57.400, 16.57.410, 16.65.010, 16.65.020, 16.65.030, 8 16.65.037, 16.65.040, 16.65.042, 16.65.050, 16.65.080, 16.65.090, 9 10 16.65.100, 16.65.140, 16.65.170, 16.65.190, 16.65.200, 16.65.235, 16.65.260, 16.65.270, 16.65.280, 16.65.300, 16.65.340, 11 16.65.350, 12 16.65.380, 16.65.390, 16.65.400, 16.65.420, 16.65.424, 16.65.440, and 16.65.445; adding new sections to chapter 16.57 RCW; adding a new 13 14 section to chapter 16.65 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.17 repealing RCW 16.58.010, 16.58.020, 16.58.030, 16.58.040, 15 RCW; 16.58.050, 16.58.060, 16.58.070, 16.58.080, 16 16.58.095, 16.58.100, 16.58.110, 16.58.120, 16.58.130, 16.58.140, 16.58.150, 16.58.160, 17 16.58.170, 16.58.900, 16.58.910, 16.65.110, 16.65.422, 16.65.423, and 18 16.57.380; prescribing penalties; providing effective dates; 19 and 20 declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 16.57.010 and 1996 c 105 s 1 are each amended to read 2 3 as follows:

4 For the purpose of this chapter:

5 (1) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state of Washington. 6

(2) "Director" means the director of the department or ((a)) <u>his or</u> 7 8 <u>her</u> duly ((appointed)) <u>authorized</u> representative.

(3) "Person" means a natural person, individual, firm, partnership, 9 10 corporation, company, society, and association, and every officer, agent or employee thereof. This term shall import either the singular 11 or the plural as the case may be. 12

(4) "Livestock" includes, but is not limited to, horses, mules, 13 cattle, sheep, swine, and goats((, poultry and rabbits)). 14

15 (5) "Brand" means a permanent fire brand or any artificial mark, 16 other than an individual identification symbol, approved by the 17 director to be used in conjunction with a brand or by itself.

(6) "Production record brand" means a number brand which shall be 18 19 used for production identification purposes only.

(7) "((Brand)) Livestock inspection" or "inspection" means the 20 21 examination of livestock or livestock hides for brands or any means of 22 identifying livestock or livestock hides ((and/or the application of 23 any artificial identification such as back tags or ear clips necessary 24 to preserve the identity of the livestock or livestock hides examined)) including the examination of documents providing evidence of ownership. 25

26 (8) "Individual identification symbol" means a permanent mark placed on a horse for the purpose of individually identifying and 27 registering the horse and which has been approved for use as such by 28 29 the director.

30 (9) "Registering agency" means any person issuing an individual 31 identification symbol for the purpose of individually identifying and 32 registering a horse.

(10) (("Poultry" means chickens, turkeys, ratites, and other 33 domesticated fowl. 34

(11))) "Ratite" means, but is not limited to, ostrich, emu, rhea, 35 36 or other flightless bird used for human consumption, whether live or 37 slaughtered.

((12) "Ratite farming" means breeding, raising, and rearing of an
 ostrich, emu, or rhea in captivity or an enclosure.

3 (13)) (11) "Microchipping" means the implantation of an 4 identification microchip or similar electronic identification device to 5 establish the identity of an individual animal:

6 (a) In the pipping muscle of a chick ratite or the implantation of 7 a microchip in the tail muscle of an otherwise unidentified adult 8 ratite;

9 (b) In the nuchal ligament of a horse unless otherwise specified by 10 rule of the director; and

(c) In locations of other livestock species as specified by rule of the director when requested by an association of producers of that species of livestock.

14 (12) "Certificate of permit" means a form prescribed by and 15 obtained from the director that is completed by the owner or a person 16 authorized to act on behalf of the owner to show the ownership of 17 livestock. It is used to document ownership of livestock while in 18 transit within the state or on consignment to any public livestock 19 market, special sale, slaughter plant, or feed lot. It does not 20 evidence inspection of livestock.

21 (13) "Inspection certificate" means a certificate issued by the 22 director or a veterinarian certified by the director documenting the 23 ownership of an animal based on an inspection of the animal. It 24 includes an individual identification certificate.

25 (14) "Individual identification certificate" means an inspection 26 certificate that authorizes the livestock owner to transport the animal 27 out of state multiple times within a set period of time.

28 (15) "Self-inspection certificate" means a form prescribed by and 29 obtained from the director that is completed and signed by the buyer 30 and seller of livestock to document a change in ownership.

31 (16) "Horses" means horses, burros, and mules.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 16.57.015 and 1993 c 354 s 10 are each amended to read 33 as follows:

(1) The director shall establish a livestock identification
 advisory board. The board shall be composed of six members appointed
 by the director. One member shall represent each of the following
 groups: Beef producers, public livestock market operators, horse

owners, dairy farmers, cattle feeders, and meat processors. <u>As used in</u> this subsection, "meat processor" means a person licensed to operate a slaughtering establishment under chapter 16.49 RCW or the federal meat inspection act (21 U.S.C. Sec. 601 et seq.). In making appointments, the director shall solicit nominations from organizations representing these groups statewide. <u>The board shall elect a member to serve as</u> chair of the board.

(2) The purpose of the board is to provide advice to the director 8 regarding livestock identification programs administered under this 9 chapter and regarding ((brand)) inspection fees and related licensing 10 The director shall consult the board before adopting, amending, 11 fees. 12 or repealing a rule under this chapter or altering a fee under RCW 13 $((\frac{16.58.050}{16.58.130}))$ 16.65.030, <u>16.65.037</u>, or 16.65.090. If the 14 director publishes in the state register a proposed rule to be adopted under the authority of this chapter ((or a proposed rule setting a fee 15 16 under RCW 16.58.050, 16.58.130, 16.65.030, or 16.65.090)) and the rule 17 has not received the approval of the advisory board, the director shall file with the board a written statement setting forth the director's 18 reasons for proposing the rule without the board's approval. 19

(3) The members of the advisory board serve three-year terms. 20 21 However, the director shall by rule provide shorter initial terms for 22 some of the members of the board to stagger the expiration of the The members serve without compensation. The director 23 initial terms. 24 may authorize the expenses of a member to be reimbursed if the member 25 is selected to attend a regional or national conference or meeting regarding livestock identification. Any such reimbursement shall be in 26 27 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

28 **Sec. 3.** RCW 16.57.020 and 1994 c 46 s 7 are each amended to read 29 as follows:

The director shall be the recorder of livestock brands and such brands shall not be recorded elsewhere in this state. Any person desiring to ((register)) record a livestock brand shall apply on a form prescribed by the director. ((Such)) The application shall be accompanied by a facsimile of the brand applied for and a ((thirtyfive)) one hundred twenty dollar recording fee for a four-year period. The director shall, upon his or her satisfaction that the application 1 and brand facsimile meet the requirements of this chapter ((and/or))
2 and its rules ((adopted hereunder)), record ((such)) the brand.

3 Sec. 4. RCW 16.57.023 and 1998 c 263 s 5 are each amended to read 4 as follows:

5 (((1))) The ((board)) <u>director</u> may adopt rules establishing 6 criteria and fees for the permanent renewal of brands registered with 7 the department ((or with the board)) but renewed as livestock heritage 8 brands. Such heritage brands are not intended for use on livestock.

9 (((2) If the Washington state livestock identification board with 10 authority and responsibility for administering the livestock 11 identification program is not established by July 31, 1998, the 12 department of agriculture is granted the authorities provided to the 13 board by subsection (1) of this section.))

14 **Sec. 5.** RCW 16.57.025 and 1998 c 263 s 6 are each amended to read 15 as follows:

16 ((((1))) The ((board)) <u>director</u> may enter into agreements with Washington state licensed and accredited veterinarians, who have been 17 certified by the ((board)) director, to perform livestock inspection. 18 19 Fees for livestock inspection performed by a certified veterinarian 20 shall be collected by the veterinarian and remitted to the ((board)) director. Veterinarians providing livestock inspection may charge a 21 22 fee for livestock inspection that is in addition to and separate from 23 fees collected under RCW 16.57.220. The ((board)) director may adopt 24 rules necessary to implement livestock inspection performed by 25 veterinarians and may adopt fees to cover the cost associated with certification of veterinarians. 26

27 (((2) If the Washington state livestock identification board with 28 authority and responsibility for administering the livestock 29 identification program is not established by July 31, 1998, the 30 department of agriculture is granted all of the authorities provided to 31 the board by subsection (1) of this section.))

32 Sec. 6. RCW 16.57.030 and 1959 c 54 s 3 are each amended to read 33 as follows:

34 The director shall not record tattoo brands or marks for any

purpose ((subsequent to the enactment of this chapter. However, all tattoo brands and marks of record on the date of the enactment of this

3 chapter shall be recognized as legal ownership brands or marks)).

4 **Sec. 7.** RCW 16.57.040 and 1974 ex.s. c 64 s 1 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 The director may provide for the use of production record brands. 7 Numbers for such brands shall be issued at the discretion of the 8 director and shall be placed on livestock immediately below the 9 ((registered)) recorded ownership brand or any other location 10 prescribed by the director.

11 **Sec. 8.** RCW 16.57.050 and 1959 c 54 s 5 are each amended to read 12 as follows:

13 No person shall place a brand on livestock for any purpose unless 14 ((such)) the brand is recorded in his <u>or her</u> name.

15 **Sec. 9.** RCW 16.57.080 and 1994 c 46 s 16 are each amended to read 16 as follows:

17 The director shall establish by rule a schedule for the renewal of ((registered)) recorded brands. The fee for renewal of ((the brands)) 18 19 <u>a recorded brand</u> shall be ((no less than twenty five)) <u>one hundred</u> twenty dollars for each ((two-year)) four-year period of brand 20 21 ownership, except that the director may, in adopting a renewal 22 schedule, provide for the collection of renewal fees on a prorated basis ((and may by rule increase the registration and renewal fee for 23 24 brands by no more than fifty percent subsequent to a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW and in conformance with RCW 16.57.015)). At least 25 sixty days before the expiration of a ((registered)) recorded brand, 26 27 the director shall notify by letter the owner of record of the brand 28 that on the payment of the ((requisite application fee and application 29 of)) renewal fee the director shall issue ((the)) proof of payment allowing the brand owner exclusive ownership and use of the brand for 30 the subsequent ((registration)) ownership period. The failure of the 31 ((registered)) owner to pay the renewal fee by the date required by 32 rule shall cause ((such owner's)) the brand to revert to the 33 34 department. The director may for ((a period of)) one year following 35 ((such)) the reversion, reissue ((such)) the brand only to the prior

1 ((registered)) owner upon payment of the ((registration)) renewal fee 2 and a late filing fee ((to be prescribed by the director by rule 3 subsequent to a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW and in conformance with 4 RCW 16.57.015,)) of twenty-five dollars for renewal subsequent to the 5 regular renewal period. The director may at the director's discretion, 6 if ((such)) the brand is not reissued within one year to the prior 7 ((registered)) owner, issue ((such)) the brand to any other applicant.

8 **Sec. 10.** RCW 16.57.090 and 1994 c 46 s 17 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

10 A brand is the personal property of the owner of record. Any 11 instrument affecting the title of ((such)) the brand shall be 12 ((acknowledged in the presence of)) executed by the recorded owner and 13 acknowledged by a notary public. The director shall record ((such)) the instrument upon presentation and payment of a recording fee ((not 14 15 to exceed fifteen)) of twenty-five dollars ((to be prescribed by the 16 director by rule subsequent to a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW and in conformance with RCW 16.57.015. Such)). The recording shall be 17 constructive notice to all the world of the existence and conditions 18 affecting the title to ((such)) the brand. A copy of all records 19 20 concerning the brand, certified by the director, shall be received in 21 evidence to all intent and purposes as the original instrument. The 22 director shall not be personally liable for failure of the director's 23 agents to properly record ((such)) the instrument.

24 **Sec. 11.** RCW 16.57.100 and 1971 ex.s. c 135 s 3 are each amended 25 to read as follows:

26 The right to use a brand shall be evidenced by the original certificate issued by the director showing that the brand is of present 27 record or a certified copy of the record of ((such)) the brand showing 28 29 that it is of present record. A healed brand of record on livestock 30 shall be prima facie evidence that the recorded owner of ((such)) the brand has legal title to ((such)) the livestock and is entitled to its 31 possession((+ PROVIDED, That)). The director may require additional 32 33 proof of ownership ((of)) for any animal showing more than one healed 34 brand.

1 Sec. 12. RCW 16.57.120 and 1991 c 110 s 2 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

No person shall remove or alter a brand of record on livestock without first having secured the written permission of the director. Violation of this section ((shall be)) is a gross misdemeanor ((punishable to the same extent as a gross misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021)).

8 **Sec. 13.** RCW 16.57.130 and 1959 c 54 s 13 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

10 The director shall not record a brand that is identical to a brand 11 of present record; nor a brand so similar to a brand of present record 12 that it will be difficult to distinguish between ((such)) the brands 13 when applied to livestock.

14 **Sec. 14.** RCW 16.57.140 and 1994 c 46 s 18 are each amended to read 15 as follows:

16 The owner of a brand of record may ((procure)) <u>obtain</u> from the 17 director a certified copy of the record of the owner's brand upon 18 payment of a fee ((not to exceed seven dollars and fifty cents to be 19 prescribed by the director by rule subsequent to a hearing under 20 chapter 34.05 RCW and in conformance with RCW 16.57.015)) <u>of fifteen</u> 21 <u>dollars</u>.

22 **Sec. 15.** RCW 16.57.150 and 1974 ex.s. c 64 s 5 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

24 The director shall publish a book to be known as the "Washington State Brand Book", showing all the brands of record. ((Such)) The book 25 shall contain the name and address of the owners of brands of record 26 and a copy of the ((brand)) <u>livestock identification</u> laws and 27 28 ((regulations)) rules. Supplements to ((such)) the brand book showing 29 newly recorded brands, amendments, or newly adopted ((regulations,)) <u>rules</u> shall be published ((biennially, or prior thereto)) at the 30 31 discretion of the director((+ PROVIDED, That)). Whenever ((he)) the <u>director</u> deems it necessary, the director may ((issue)) <u>publish</u> a new 32 33 brand book. The director may collect moneys to recover the reasonable 34 costs of publishing and distributing copies of the brand book.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 16. A new section is added to chapter 16.57 RCW
 to read as follows:

3 The director may adopt rules necessary to administer the recording 4 and changing of ownership of brands.

5 **Sec. 17.** RCW 16.57.160 and 1991 c 110 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 (1) The director may ((by rule adopted subsequent to a public
8 hearing designate)) adopt rules:

(a) Designating any point for mandatory ((brand)) inspection of 9 cattle or horses or the furnishing of proof that cattle or horses 10 11 passing or being transported through ((such)) the point (s) have been 12 ((brand)) inspected or identified and are lawfully being ((moved. 13 Further, the director may stop vehicles carrying cattle to determine if such cattle are identified, branded, or accompanied by the form 14 15 prescribed by the director under RCW 16.57.240 or a brand certificate 16 issued by the department)) transported;

17 (b) Providing for self-inspection of fifteen head or less of 18 cattle;

19 (c) Providing for issuance of individual horse and cattle 20 identification certificates or other means of horse and cattle 21 identification; and

(d) Designating the documents that constitute other satisfactory
 proof of ownership for cattle and horses. A bill of sale may not be
 designated as documenting satisfactory proof of ownership for cattle.

25 (2) The director or any peace officer may stop vehicles carrying 26 cattle or horses to determine if the livestock being transported are 27 accompanied by a certificate of permit, inspection certificate, self-28 inspection certificate, or other satisfactory proof of ownership, as 29 determined by the director.

30 **Sec. 18.** RCW 16.57.165 and 1971 ex.s. c 135 s 6 are each amended 31 to read as follows:

The director may, in order to reduce the cost of ((brand)) inspection to livestock owners, enter into agreements with any qualified county, municipal, or other local law enforcement agency, or gualified individuals for the purpose of performing ((brand)) <u>livestock</u>

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1 inspection in areas where ((department brand)) inspection by the 2 director may not readily be available.

3 **Sec. 19.** RCW 16.57.170 and 1959 c 54 s 17 are each amended to read 4 as follows:

The director may enter at any reasonable time any slaughterhouse or 5 6 public livestock market to ((make an examination of the brands on)) 7 inspect livestock or hides, and may enter at any reasonable time an 8 establishment where hides are held to ((examine)) inspect them for brands or other means of identification. The director may enter any of 9 these premises at any reasonable time to examine all books and records 10 11 required by law in matters relating to ((brand inspection or other 12 methods of)) livestock identification. For purposes of this section, "any reasonable time" means during regular business hours or during any 13 working shift. 14

15 Sec. 20. RCW 16.57.180 and 1959 c 54 s 18 are each amended to read 16 as follows:

17 Should the director be denied access to any premises or 18 establishment where ((such)) access was sought for the purposes set 19 forth in RCW 16.57.170, ((he)) the director may apply to any court of 20 competent jurisdiction for a search warrant authorizing access to 21 ((such)) the premises or establishment for ((said)) those purposes. 22 The court may upon ((such)) application, issue the search warrant for 23 the purposes requested.

24 **Sec. 21.** RCW 16.57.200 and 1959 c 54 s 20 are each amended to read 25 as follows:

Any owner or his <u>or her</u> agent shall make ((the brand or brands on)) livestock being ((brand)) inspected readily ((visible)) <u>accessible</u> and shall cooperate with the director to carry out ((such brand)) <u>the</u> inspection in a safe and expeditious manner.

30 **Sec. 22.** RCW 16.57.210 and 1959 c 54 s 21 are each amended to read 31 as follows:

The director shall have authority to arrest ((any person)) without warrant anywhere in the state <u>any person</u> found in the act of, or whom ((he)) <u>the director</u> has reason to believe is guilty of, ((driving))

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<u>transporting</u>, holding, selling, or slaughtering stolen livestock. Any ((such)) person arrested by the director shall be turned over to the <u>county</u> sheriff ((of the county)) or other local law enforcement officer where the arrest was made, as quickly as possible.

5 **Sec. 23.** RCW 16.57.220 and 1997 c 356 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 ((The director shall cause a charge to be made for all brand inspection of cattle and horses required under this chapter and rules 8 adopted hereunder. Such charges shall be paid to the department by the 9 10 owner or person in possession unless requested by the purchaser and 11 then such brand inspection shall be paid by the purchaser requesting 12 such brand inspection. Except as provided by rule, such inspection charges shall be due and payable at the time brand inspection is 13 performed and shall be paid upon billing by the department and if not 14 shall constitute a prior lien on the cattle or cattle hides or horses 15 or horse hides brand inspected until such charge is paid. The director 16 17 in order to best utilize the services of the department in performing 18 brand inspection may establish schedules by days and hours when a brand inspector will be on duty to perform brand inspection at established 19 20 inspection points. The fees for brand inspection performed at inspection points according to schedules established by the director 21 22 shall be sixty cents per head for cattle and not more than two dollars 23 and forty cents per head for horses as prescribed by the director subsequent to a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW and in conformance with 24 25 RCW 16.57.015. Fees for brand inspection of cattle and horses at 26 points other than those designated by the director or not in accord 27 with the schedules established by the director shall be based on a fee schedule not to exceed actual net cost to the department of performing 28 29 the brand inspection service. For the purpose of this section, actual 30 costs shall mean fifteen dollars per hour and the current mileage rate set by the office of financial management.)) 31

32 (1) Except as provided for in RCW 16.65.090 and subsection (2), 33 (3), or (4) of this section, the fee for livestock inspection is sixty 34 cents per head for cattle and two dollars and forty cents for horses or 35 fifteen dollars per hour and the current mileage rate set by the office 36 of financial management, whichever is greater.

(2) The fee for individual identification certificates is seven 1 2 dollars and fifty cents for an annual certificate and fifteen dollars for a lifetime certificate or fifteen dollars per hour and the current 3 mileage rate set by the office of financial management, whichever is 4 greater. However, the fee for a single annual certificate listing 5 groups of thirty or more animals belonging to one owner is five dollars б 7 per head or fifteen dollars per hour and the current mileage rate set by the office of financial management, whichever is greater. A 8 lifetime certificate shall not be issued until the fee has been paid to 9 10 the director.

11 (3) The fee for livestock inspection is two dollars per head for a 12 single certificate issued for groups of thirty or more horses belonging 13 to one owner or fifteen dollars per hour and the current mileage rate 14 set by the office of financial management, whichever is greater.

15 (4) ((There is a minimum fee of two dollars and fifty cents for the 16 issuance of any inspection certificate.)) The minimum fee for the 17 issuance of an inspection certificate for livestock shall be five 18 dollars regardless of the inspection point. This minimum does not 19 apply to livestock consigned to a public livestock market or special 20 sale.

21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 24. A new section is added to chapter 16.57 RCW 22 to read as follows:

(1) Any inspection fee shall be paid to the department by the owner or person in possession of the livestock unless the inspection is requested by the purchaser and then the fee shall be paid by the purchaser.

(2) Except as provided by rule, the inspection fee is due and payable at the time inspection is performed and shall be paid upon billing by the department and, if not, constitutes a prior lien on the cattle or cattle hides or horses or horse hides inspected until the fee is paid.

32 (3) A late fee of one and one-half percent per month shall be
 33 assessed on the unpaid balance against persons more than thirty days in
 34 arrears.

35 (4) In addition to any other penalties, the director may refuse to 36 perform an inspection service under this chapter for a person in

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1 arrears or who has failed to pay fees required by this chapter unless 2 the person makes payment in full of all moneys due prior to performing 3 the service.

4 **Sec. 25.** RCW 16.57.230 and 1995 c 374 s 50 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

No person shall collect or make a charge for ((brand)) inspection
of livestock unless there has been an actual ((brand)) inspection of
((such)) the livestock.

9 **Sec. 26.** RCW 16.57.240 and 1995 c 374 s 51 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

11 ((Any person purchasing, selling, holding for sale, trading, 12 bartering, transferring title, slaughtering, handling, or transporting cattle shall keep a record on forms prescribed by the director. Such 13 forms)) (1) Certificates of permit, inspection certificates, and self-14 15 inspection certificates shall show the <u>owner</u>, number, ((specie)) breed, 16 sex, brand, or other method of identification of ((such)) the cattle or 17 horses and any other necessary information required by the director. 18 ((The original shall be kept for a period of three years or shall be 19 furnished to the director upon demand or as prescribed by rule, one 20 copy shall accompany the cattle to their destination and shall be 21 subject to inspection at any time by the director or any peace officer 22 or member of the state patrol: PROVIDED, That in the following 23 instances only, cattle may be moved or transported within this state 24 without being accompanied by an official certificate of permit, brand 25 inspection certificate, bill of sale, or self-inspection slip:

26 (1) When such cattle are moved or transported upon lands under the 27 exclusive control of the person moving or transporting such cattle;

28 (2) When such cattle are being moved or transported for temporary 29 grazing or feeding purposes and have the registered brand of the person 30 having or transporting such cattle.))

31 (2) The director may issue certificate of permit forms to any 32 person on payment of a fee established by rule.

33 (3) Certificates of permit, inspection certificates, self 34 inspection certificates, or other satisfactory proof of ownership shall
 35 be kept by the owner and/or person in possession of any cattle and
 36 shall be furnished to the director or any peace officer upon demand.

(4) A self-inspection certificate is not valid if proof of
 ownership is not provided to the buyer for cattle bearing brands not
 recorded to the seller.

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 27. A new section is added to chapter 16.57 RCW 5 to read as follows:

6 Cattle may not be moved or transported within this state without 7 being accompanied by a certificate of permit, inspection certificate, 8 self-inspection certificate, or other satisfactory proof of ownership, 9 except:

10 (1) When the cattle are moved or transported upon lands under the 11 exclusive control of the person moving or transporting the cattle; or

(2) When the cattle are being moved or transported for temporary
 grazing or feeding purposes and have the recorded brand of the person
 having or transporting the cattle.

15 Certificates of permit, inspection certificates, self-inspection 16 certificates, or other satisfactory proof of ownership accompanying 17 cattle being moved or transported within this state shall be subject to 18 inspection at any time by the director or any peace officer.

19 **Sec. 28.** RCW 16.57.260 and 1981 c 296 s 19 are each amended to 20 read as follows:

It ((shall be)) is unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed or accept for removal from this state, any cattle or horses which are not accompanied at all times by an ((official brand)) inspection certificate ((issued by the director)) on such cattle or horses, except as provided ((in RCW 16.57.160)) by rule adopted under this chapter.

27 **Sec. 29.** RCW 16.57.270 and 1959 c 54 s 27 are each amended to read 28 as follows:

It ((shall be)) is unlawful for any person moving or transporting livestock in this state to refuse to assist the director or any peace officer in establishing the identity <u>and ownership</u> of ((such)) <u>the</u> livestock being moved or transported.

33 **Sec. 30.** RCW 16.57.275 and 1967 c 240 s 37 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

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Any cattle carcass, or primal part thereof, of any breed or age 1 2 being transported in this state from other than a state or federal licensed and inspected slaughterhouse or common carrier hauling for 3 ((such)) the slaughterhouse, shall be accompanied by a certificate of 4 5 permit signed by the owner of ((such)) the carcass or primal part thereof and, if ((such)) the carcass or primal part is delivered to a 6 7 facility custom handling ((such)) the carcasses or primal parts thereof, ((such)) the certificate of permit shall be deposited with the 8 owner or manager of ((such)) the custom handling facility and ((such)) 9 the certificate of permit shall be retained for a period of one year 10 11 and be made available to the department for inspection during ((reasonable business hours. The owner of such carcass or primal part 12 13 thereof shall mail a copy of the said certificate of permit to the 14 department within ten days of said transportation)) regular business 15 hours or any working shift.

16 **Sec. 31.** RCW 16.57.280 and 1995 c 374 s 52 are each amended to 17 read as follows:

No person shall knowingly have ((unlawful)) possession of any ((livestock)) <u>cattle or horse</u> marked with a recorded brand ((or tattoo)) of another person unless <u>the</u>:

(1) ((Such livestock)) <u>Cattle or horse</u> lawfully bears the person's own healed recorded brand; or

23 (2) ((Such livestock)) <u>Cattle or horse</u> is accompanied by a 24 certificate of permit from the owner of the recorded brand ((or 25 tattoo)); or

26 (3) ((Such livestock)) Cattle or horse is accompanied by ((a 27 brand)) an inspection certificate; or

28 (4) ((Such)) <u>Cattle</u> is accompanied by a self-inspection ((slip))
29 <u>certificate</u>; or

30 (5) ((Such livestock)) Horse is accompanied by a bill of sale from 31 the previous owner; or

32 <u>(6) Cattle or horse</u> is accompanied by ((a bill of sale from the 33 previous owner or)) other satisfactory proof of ownership <u>as designated</u> 34 <u>in rule</u>.

A violation of this section constitutes a gross misdemeanor ((punishable to the same extent as a gross misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021)). 1 **Sec. 32.** RCW 16.57.290 and 1995 c 374 s 53 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 ((All unbranded cattle and horses and those bearing brands not recorded, in the current edition of this state's brand book, which are 4 5 not accompanied by a certificate of permit, and those bearing brands recorded, in the current edition of this state's brand book, which are 6 7 not accompanied by a certificate of permit signed by the owner of the brand)) All cattle and horses that are not accompanied by a certificate 8 of permit, inspection certificate, self-inspection certificate, or 9 other satisfactory proof of ownership when offered for sale and 10 presented for inspection by the director, shall be ((sold)) impounded. 11 12 If theft is suspected, the director shall immediately initiate an investigation. If theft is not suspected, the animal shall be sold and 13 14 the proceeds retained by the director ((or the director's representative, unless other satisfactory proof of ownership is 15 16 presented showing the person presenting them to be lawfully in 17 possession)). Upon the sale of ((such)) the cattle or horses, the director ((or the director's representative)) shall give the purchasers 18 ((a bill of sale therefor, or, if theft is suspected, the cattle or 19 horses may be impounded by the director or the director's 20 21 representative)) an inspection certificate for the cattle or horses 22 documenting their ownership.

23 **Sec. 33.** RCW 16.57.300 and 1989 c 286 s 24 are each amended to 24 read as follows:

25 Except under section 34 of this act, the proceeds from the sale of 26 cattle and horses ((as provided for)) when impounded under RCW 16.57.290, after paying the cost thereof, shall be paid to the 27 director, who shall make a record showing the brand or marks or other 28 method of identification of the animals and the amount realized from 29 the sale thereof. However, the proceeds from a sale of ((such)) the 30 31 cattle or horses at a licensed public livestock market shall be held by the licensee for a reasonable period not to exceed thirty days to 32 permit the consignor to establish ownership or the right to sell 33 34 ((such)) the cattle or horses. If ((such)) the consignor fails to establish legal ownership or the right to sell ((such)) the cattle or 35 36 horses, ((such)) the proceeds shall be paid to the director to be 37 disposed of as any other estray proceeds.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 34. A new section is added to chapter 16.57 RCW
 to read as follows:

The proceeds from the sale of dairy breed cattle when impounded under RCW 16.57.290, and after paying the cost thereof, shall be paid to the seller if:

6 (1) The cattle bears a brand that is not recorded in this state or 7 any state where a reciprocal agreement is in place as provided under 8 RCW 16.57.340;

9 (2) There is no evidence of theft;

10 (3) The director has posted the brand for at least ninety days at 11 each licensed public livestock market in this state and any other state 12 where the director provides for livestock inspection; and

13 (4) No other person has established legal ownership of the cattle 14 with the director.

The proceeds from the sale shall be held by the director until paid to the seller or other person as specified by the director. However, the proceeds from a sale of the cattle at a licensed public livestock market shall be held by the licensee.

19 Sec. 35. RCW 16.57.310 and 1959 c 54 s 31 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

21 When a person has been notified by registered mail that animals 22 bearing ((his)) the person's recorded brand have been sold by the 23 director, he <u>or she</u> shall present to the director a claim on the 24 proceeds within ten days from the receipt of the notice or the director 25 may decide that no claim exists.

26 **Sec. 36.** RCW 16.57.320 and 1991 c 110 s 6 are each amended to read 27 as follows:

28 If, after the expiration of one year from the date of sale, the 29 person presenting the animals for inspection has not provided the 30 director with satisfactory proof of ownership, the proceeds from the sale shall be paid on the claim of the owner of the recorded brand. 31 However, it shall be a gross misdemeanor for the owner of the recorded 32 brand to knowingly accept such funds after he or she has sold, bartered 33 34 or traded such animals to the claimant or any other person. ((A gross 35 misdemeanor under this section is punishable to the same extent as a 36 gross misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.))

1 Sec. 37. RCW 16.57.330 and 1959 c 54 s 33 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

If, after the expiration of one year from the date of sale, no claim <u>under RCW 16.57.310</u> is made <u>or no satisfactory proof of ownership</u> <u>is provided under RCW 16.57.320</u>, the money shall be credited to the department ((of agriculture)) to be expended in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

8 **Sec. 38.** RCW 16.57.340 and 1959 c 54 s 34 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

10 The director ((shall have)) has the authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with any or all states to prevent the theft, 11 misappropriation, or loss of identification of livestock. The director 12 may declare any livestock which is shipped or moved into this state 13 14 from ((such)) those states estrays if ((such)) the livestock is not 15 accompanied by the proper ((official brand)) inspection certificate or 16 other ((such)) certificates required by the law of the state of origin 17 of ((such)) <u>the</u> livestock. The director may hold ((such)) the livestock subject to all costs of holding or sell ((such)) the 18 19 livestock and send the funds, after the deduction of the cost of ((such)) the sale, to the proper authority in the state of origin of 20 21 ((such)) the livestock.

22 **Sec. 39.** RCW 16.57.360 and 1991 c 110 s 7 are each amended to read 23 as follows:

The department is authorized to issue notices of and enforce civil infractions in the manner prescribed under chapter 7.80 RCW.

The violation of any provision of this chapter and/or rules ((and regulations)) adopted ((hereunder)) <u>under this chapter</u> shall constitute a class I civil infraction as provided under chapter 7.80 RCW unless otherwise specified herein.

30 **Sec. 40.** RCW 16.57.370 and 1959 c 54 s 37 are each amended to read 31 as follows:

All fees collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be ((retained and)) deposited ((by the director to be used only for the enforcement)) in an account in the agricultural local fund and used to carry out the purposes of this chapter. 1 Sec. 41. RCW 16.57.400 and 1994 c 46 s 20 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

((The director may provide by rules and regulations adopted 3 pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW for the issuance of)) Horses and cattle 4 5 <u>may be identified by</u> individual ((horse and cattle)) identification certificates or other means of ((horse and cattle)) identification 6 7 ((deemed appropriate)) authorized by the director. ((Such)) The certificates or other means of identification ((shall be)) are valid 8 only for the use of the ((horse and cattle)) owner in whose name it is 9 10 issued.

Horses and cattle identified pursuant to ((the provisions of)) this 11 12 section ((and the rules and regulations adopted hereunder shall not 13 be)) are only subject to ((brand)) inspection ((except when sold at points provided for in RCW 16.57.380. The director shall charge a fee 14 for the certificates or other means of identification authorized 15 pursuant to this section and no identification shall be issued until 16 17 the director has received the fee. The schedule of fees shall be established in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW)) 18 when the animal is consigned for sale. 19

20 **Sec. 42.** RCW 16.57.410 and 1993 c 354 s 11 are each amended to 21 read as follows:

(1) No person may act as a registering agency without a permit 22 23 issued by the ((department)) director. The director may issue a permit 24 to any person ((or organization)) to act as a registering agency for the purpose of issuing permanent identification symbols for horses in 25 26 a manner prescribed by the director. Application for ((such)) a permit, or the renewal thereof by January 1 of each year, shall be on 27 a form prescribed by the director, and accompanied by the proof of 28 registration to be issued, any other documents required by the 29 director, and a fee of one hundred dollars. 30

31 (2) Each registering agency shall maintain a permanent record for 32 each individual identification symbol. The record shall include, but 33 need not be limited to, the name, address, and phone number of the 34 horse owner and a general description of the horse. A copy of each 35 permanent record shall be forwarded to the director, if requested by 36 the director. 1 (3) <u>Horses shall be examined for individual identification symbols</u> 2 ((shall be inspected as required for brands under RCW 16.57.220 and 3 <u>16.57.380.</u> Any horse)) when presented for inspection ((and bearing 4 such a symbol, but not accompanied by proof of registration and 5 certificate of permit, shall be sold as provided under RCW 16.57.290 6 through 16.57.330)).

7 (4) The director shall adopt ((such)) rules ((as are)) necessary
8 ((for the effective administration of)) to administer this section
9 ((pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW)).

10 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 43. A new section is added to chapter 16.65 RCW 11 to read as follows:

12 The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the orderly marketing of 13 livestock, to ensure the financial stability of public livestock 14 markets, and to protect persons who consign livestock to markets and 15 sales.

16 **Sec. 44.** RCW 16.65.010 and 1983 c 298 s 1 are each amended to read 17 as follows:

18 For the purposes of this chapter:

"public livestock market" means 19 (1) The term any place, 20 establishment or facility commonly known as a "public livestock market", "livestock auction market", "livestock sales ring", yards 21 22 selling on commission, or the like, conducted or operated for compensation or profit as a public livestock market, consisting of pens 23 or other enclosures, and their appurtenances in which livestock is 24 25 received, held, sold, kept for sale or shipment. The term does not include the operation of a person licensed under this chapter to 26 operate a special open consignment horse sale. 27

(2) "Department" means the department of agriculture of the stateof Washington.

30 (3) "Director" means the director of the department or his <u>or her</u> 31 duly authorized representative.

32 (4) "Licensee" means any person licensed under the provisions of 33 this chapter.

34 (5) "Livestock" includes horses, mules, burros, cattle, sheep,35 swine, and goats.

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(6) "Person" means a natural person, individual, firm, partnership,
 corporation, company, society, and association, and every officer,
 agent or employee thereof. This term shall import either the singular
 or the plural as the case may be.

5 (7) "Stockyard" means any place, establishment, or facility 6 commonly known as a stockyard consisting of pens or other enclosures 7 and their appurtenances in which livestock services such as feeding, 8 watering, weighing, sorting, receiving and shipping are offered to the 9 public: PROVIDED, That stockyard shall not include any facilities 10 where livestock is offered for sale at public auction, feed lots, or 11 quarantined registered feed lots.

12 (8) "Packer" means any person engaged in the business of
13 slaughtering, manufacturing, preparing meat or meat products for sale,
14 marketing meat, meat food products or livestock products.

15 (9) (("Deputy state veterinarian" means a graduate veterinarian 16 authorized to practice in the state of Washington and appointed or 17 deputized by the director as his duly authorized representative.

18 (10)) "Special open consignment horse sale" means a sale conducted 19 by a person other than the operator of a public livestock market which 20 is limited to the consignment of horses and donkeys only for sale on an 21 occasional and seasonal basis.

22 (10) "Livestock inspection" or "inspection" means the examination 23 of livestock or livestock hides for brands or any means of identifying 24 livestock or livestock hides including the examination of documents 25 providing evidence of ownership.

26 **Sec. 45.** RCW 16.65.015 and 1983 c 298 s 2 are each amended to read 27 as follows:

28 (1) Except under subsection (2) of this section, this chapter does
29 not apply to:

30 (((1))) (a) A farmer selling his <u>or her</u> own livestock ((on the 31 farmer's own premises by auction or any other method)).

32 (((2))) (b) A farmers' cooperative association or an association of 33 livestock breeders when any class of their own livestock is assembled 34 and offered for sale at a special sale ((on an occasional and seasonal 35 basis)) under the association's management and responsibility((, and 36 the special sale has been approved by the director in writing. However, the special sale shall be subject to brand and health inspection requirements as provided in this chapter for sales at public livestock markets)).

4 (c) A youth livestock organization such as 4-H, FFA, or other
 5 junior livestock group, when any class of livestock owned by the youth
 6 members is assembled and offered for sale at a special sale under the
 7 organization's management and responsibility.

(2) Any farmer, farmers' cooperative association, livestock 8 breeders' association, or youth livestock organization under subsection 9 (1) of this section, may, upon obtaining a permit from the director, 10 conduct a public sale of his or her or its members livestock on an 11 occasional or seasonal basis. Application for the permit shall be in 12 13 writing to the director for his or her approval at least fifteen days before the proposed public sale is scheduled to be held. The 14 application must be complete and accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of 15 fifty dollars for each sale, except that the fee is waived for youth 16 livestock organizations. The sale is subject to the livestock and 17 health inspection requirements as provided in this chapter for sales at 18 public livestock markets, unless otherwise prescribed by rule. 19

20 **Sec. 46.** RCW 16.65.020 and 1983 c 298 s 5 are each amended to read 21 as follows:

Public livestock markets and special open consignment horse sales 22 23 shall be under the direction and supervision of the director, and the 24 director((, but not his duly authorized representative,)) may adopt ((such)) those rules ((and regulations)) as are necessary to carry out 25 26 the purpose of this chapter. It shall be the duty of the director to 27 enforce and carry out the provisions of this chapter and rules ((and regulations)) adopted ((hereunder)) under this chapter. 28 No person 29 shall interfere with the director when he or she is performing or 30 carrying out any duties imposed ((upon him)) by this chapter or rules 31 ((and regulations)) adopted ((hereunder)) under this chapter.

32 **Sec. 47.** RCW 16.65.030 and 1995 c 374 s 54 are each amended to 33 read as follows:

34 (1) ((On and after June 10, 1959,)) No person shall operate a 35 public livestock market without first having obtained a license from 1 the director. Application for ((such)) <u>a</u> license shall be in writing 2 on forms prescribed by the director, and shall include the following:

3 (a) A nonrefundable original license application fee of fifteen4 hundred dollars.

5 (b) A legal description of the property upon which the public6 livestock market shall be located.

7 (c) A complete description and blueprints or plans of the public 8 livestock market physical plant, yards, pens, and all facilities the 9 applicant proposes to use in the operation of such public livestock 10 market.

(d) ((A detailed statement showing all the assets and liabilities 11 12 of the applicant which must reflect a sufficient net worth to construct 13 or operate a public livestock market.)) A financial statement, audited by a certified or licensed public accountant, to determine whether or 14 not the applicant meets the minimum net worth requirements, established 15 by the director by rule, to construct and/or operate a public livestock 16 market. If the applicant is a subsidiary of a larger company, 17 corporation, society, or cooperative association, both the parent 18 company and the subsidiary company must submit a financial statement 19 to determine whether or not the applicant meets the minimum net worth 20 21 requirements. All financial statement information required by this subsection is confidential information and not subject to public 22 23 disclosure.

(e) The schedule of rates and charges the applicant proposes to
 impose on the owners of livestock for services rendered in the
 operation of such livestock market.

(f) The weekly or monthly sales day or days on which the applicant proposes to operate his or her public livestock market sales <u>and the</u> <u>class of livestock that may be sold on these days</u>.

30 (g) Projected source and quantity of livestock((, by county,)) 31 anticipated to be handled.

32 (h) Projected ((income and expense statements for)) gross dollar 33 volume of business to be carried on, at, or through the public 34 livestock market during the first year's operation.

(i) Facts upon which ((are)) is based the conclusion that the trade
 area and the livestock industry will benefit because of the proposed
 market.

1 (j) ((Such)) Other information as the director may ((reasonably))
2 require by rule.

3 (2) ((The director shall, after public hearing as provided by 4 chapter 34.05 RCW, grant or deny an application for original license 5 for a public livestock market after considering evidence and testimony 6 relating to all of the requirements of this section and giving 7 reasonable consideration at the same hearing to:

8 (a) Benefits to the livestock industry to be derived from the 9 establishment and operation of the public livestock market proposed in 10 the application; and

11 (b) The present market services elsewhere available to the trade 12 area proposed to be served.

13 (3) Applications for renewal under RCW 16.65.040 shall include all 14 information under subsection (1) of this section, except subsection (1)(a) of this section.)) If the director determines that the applicant 15 meets all the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the 16 director shall conduct a public hearing as provided by chapter 34.05 17 RCW, and shall grant or deny an application for original license for a 18 public livestock market after considering evidence and testimony 19 relating to the requirements of this section and giving reasonable 20 21 consideration to:

22 (a) Benefits to the livestock industry to be derived from the 23 establishment and operation of the public livestock market proposed in 24 the application;

25 (b) The geographical area that will be affected;

26 (c) The conflict, if any, with sales days already allocated in the 27 area;

28 (d) The amount and class of livestock available for marketing in 29 the area;

30 (e) Buyers available to the proposed market; and

31 (f) Any other conditions affecting the orderly marketing of 32 <u>livestock.</u>

33 (3) Before a license is issued to operate a public livestock
34 market, the applicant must:

35 (a) Execute and deliver to the director a surety bond as required 36 under RCW 16.65.200;

37 (b) Provide evidence of a custodial account, as required under RCW
 38 16.65.140, for the consignor's proceeds;

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(c) Pay the appropriate license fee; and

2 (d) Provide other information required under this chapter and rules
 3 adopted under this chapter.

4 **Sec. 48.** RCW 16.65.037 and 1997 c 356 s 9 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 (1) ((Upon the approval of the application by the director and 7 compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the applicant shall be 8 issued a license or renewal thereof.)) Any license issued under the 9 provisions of this chapter shall only be valid at <u>the</u> location and for 10 the sales day or days for which the license was issued.

11 (2) The license fee shall be based on the average gross sales 12 volume per official sales day of $((that)) \underline{a}$ market((÷

13 (a) Markets with an average gross sales volume up to and including 14 ten thousand dollars, a one hundred twenty dollar fee;

15 (b) Markets with an average gross sales volume over ten thousand 16 dollars and up to and including fifty thousand dollars, a two hundred 17 forty dollar fee; and

18 (c) Markets with an average gross sales volume over fifty thousand 19 dollars, a three hundred sixty dollar fee.

The fees for public market licenses shall be set by the director by rule subsequent to a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW and in conformance with RCW 16.57.015)) in the previous twelve months or, for a new market, the projected average gross sales per official sales day of the market during its first year's operation.

(a) The license fee for markets with an average gross sales volume
 up to and including ten thousand dollars is one hundred twenty dollars.
 (b) The license fee for markets with an average gross sales volume
 over ten thousand dollars and up to and including fifty thousand
 dollars is two hundred forty dollars.

30 (c) The license fee for markets with an average gross sales volume 31 over fifty thousand dollars is three hundred sixty dollars.

32 (3) Any applicant operating more than one public livestock market 33 shall make a separate application for a license to operate each 34 ((such)) public livestock market, and each ((such)) application shall 35 be accompanied by the appropriate ((application)) <u>license</u> fee. 1 Sec. 49. RCW 16.65.040 and 1983 c 298 s 6 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) All public livestock market licenses provided for in this 4 chapter ((shall)) expire on March 1st subsequent to the date of issue. 5 (2) Application for renewal of a public livestock market license 6 shall be in writing on forms prescribed by the director, and shall 7 include:

8 (a) All information under RCW 16.65.030(1) (d), (e), and (f);

9 (b) The gross dollar volume of business carried on, at, or through 10 the applicant's public livestock market in the twelve-month period 11 prior to the application for renewal of the license;

(c) Other information as the director may require by rule; and
 (d) The appropriate license fee.

14 (3) If any person ((who)) fails, refuses, or neglects to apply for 15 a renewal of a preexisting license ((on or before the date of 16 expiration)) by March 1st, the person's license shall expire. To 17 reinstate a license, the person shall pay a penalty of twenty-five 18 dollars, which shall be added to the regular license fee, before 19 ((such)) the license may be ((renewed)) reinstated by the director.

20 Sec. 50. RCW 16.65.042 and 1983 c 298 s 3 are each amended to read 21 as follows:

(1) A person shall not operate a special open consignment horse
 sale without first obtaining a license from the director. The
 application for the license shall include:

25 (a) ((A detailed statement showing all of the assets and 26 liabilities of the applicant;

27 (b)) The schedule of rates and charges the applicant proposes to 28 impose on the owners of horses for services rendered in the operation 29 of the horse sale;

30 (((c))) <u>(b)</u> The specific date and exact location of the proposed 31 sale;

32 (((d))) <u>(c)</u> Projected quantity and approximate value of horses to 33 be handled; and

34 (((++))) (d) Such other information as the director may reasonably 35 require.

36 (2) The application shall be accompanied by a license fee of one37 hundred dollars. Upon the approval of the application by the director

and compliance with this chapter, the applicant shall be issued a license. A special open consignment horse sale license is valid only for the specific date or dates and exact location for which the license was issued.

5 **Sec. 51.** RCW 16.65.050 and 1959 c 107 s 5 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

All fees provided for under this chapter shall be ((retained by the director)) deposited in an account in the agricultural local fund and
 <u>used</u> for ((the purpose of)) enforcing <u>and carrying out the purpose and</u>
 <u>provisions of this chapter and chapter 16.57 RCW.</u>

11 **Sec. 52.** RCW 16.65.080 and 1985 c 415 s 9 are each amended to read 12 as follows:

(1) The director ((is authorized to)) may deny, suspend, or revoke 13 14 a license ((in the manner prescribed herein,)) when ((there are 15 findings by)) the director finds that ((any)) a licensee (a) has ((been 16 guilty of fraud or misrepresentation as to)) misrepresented titles, charges, numbers, brands, weights, proceeds of sale, or ownership of 17 18 livestock; (b) has attempted payment to a consignor or the department 19 by a check the licensee knows not to be backed by sufficient funds to 20 cover such check; (c) has violated any of the provisions of this chapter or rules ((and regulations)) adopted ((hereunder)) under this 21 22 chapter; (d) has violated any laws of the state that require ((health 23 or brand)) inspection of livestock for health or ownership purposes; (e) has violated any condition of the bond, as provided in this 24 25 chapter. ((However, the director may deny a license if the applicant refuses to accept the sales day or days allocated to him under the 26 provisions of this chapter.)) 27

28 (2) ((In all proceedings for revocation, suspension, or denial of 29 a license the licensee or applicant shall be given an opportunity to be 30 heard in regard to such revocation, suspension or denial of a license. The director shall give the licensee or applicant twenty days' notice 31 32 in writing and such notice shall specify the charges or reasons for such revocation, suspension or denial. The notice shall also state the 33 34 date, time and place where such hearing is to be held. Such hearings 35 shall be held in the city where the licensee has his principal place of

business, or where the applicant resides, unless some other place be agreed upon by the parties, and the defendant may be represented by counsel.

4 (3) The director may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of 5 witnesses, and/or the production of books or documents anywhere in the state. The applicant or licensee shall have opportunity to be heard, 6 7 and may have such subpoenas issued as he desires. Subpoenas shall be 8 served in the same manner as in civil cases in the superior court. Witnesses shall testify under oath which may be administered by the 9 10 director. Testimony shall be recorded, and may be taken by deposition under such rules as the director may prescribe. 11

12 (4) The director shall hear and determine the charges, make 13 findings and conclusions upon the evidence produced, and file them in 14 his office, together with a record of all of the evidence, and serve 15 upon the accused a copy of such findings and conclusions)) Upon notice 16 by the director to deny, revoke, or suspend a license, a person may 17 request a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW.

18 Sec. 53. RCW 16.65.090 and 1997 c 356 s 11 are each amended to 19 read as follows:

20 The director shall provide for ((brand)) livestock inspection. 21 When ((such brand)) livestock inspection is required the licensee shall 22 collect from the consignor and pay to the department <u>a fee</u>, as provided 23 by law, ((a fee for brand inspection)) for each animal ((consigned to 24 the public livestock market or special open consignment horse sale)) inspected. However, if in any one sale day the total fees collected 25 26 for ((brand)) inspection do not exceed seventy-two dollars, then 27 ((such)) the licensee shall pay seventy-two dollars for ((such brand)) the inspection ((or as much thereof as the director may prescribe)) 28 29 services.

30 **Sec. 54.** RCW 16.65.100 and 1983 c 298 s 9 are each amended to read 31 as follows:

The licensee of each public livestock market or special open consignment horse sale shall collect from any purchaser of livestock requesting ((brand)) inspection a fee as provided by law for each animal inspected. ((Such)) This fee shall be in addition to the fee charged to the consignor for ((brand)) inspection and shall not apply
 to the minimum fee chargeable to the licensee.

3 Sec. 55. RCW 16.65.140 and 1971 ex.s. c 192 s 4 are each amended 4 to read as follows:

Each licensee shall establish a custodial account for consignor's 5 6 proceeds. All funds derived from the sale of livestock handled on a 7 commission or agency basis shall be deposited in that account. 8 ((Such)) The account shall be drawn on only for the payment of net proceeds to the consignor, or ((such)) other person or persons of whom 9 10 ((such)) the licensee has knowledge is entitled to ((such)) the 11 proceeds, and to obtain from ((such)) those proceeds only the sums due the licensee as compensation for ((his)) the services as are set out in 12 ((his)) the posted tariffs, and for ((such)) the sums as are necessary 13 to pay all legal charges against the consignment of livestock which the 14 15 licensee in ((his)) the capacity as agent is required to pay for on 16 behalf of the consignor or shipper. The licensee in each case shall 17 keep ((such)) those accounts and records that will at all times 18 disclose the names of the consignors and the amount due and payable to each from the funds in the custodial account for consignor's proceeds. 19 20 The licensee shall maintain the custodial account for consignor's 21 proceeds in a manner that will expedite examination by the director and 22 reflect compliance with the requirements of this section.

23 **Sec. 56.** RCW 16.65.170 and 1967 c 192 s 1 are each amended to read 24 as follows:

The licensee shall keep accurate records which shall be available for inspection to all parties directly interested therein, and ((such)) the records shall contain the following information:

(1) The date on which each consignment of livestock was receivedand sold.

30 (2) The name and address of the buyer and seller of ((such)) the 31 livestock.

32 (3) The number and species of livestock received and sold.

33 (4) The marks and brands on ((such)) the livestock ((as supplied by 34 a brand inspector)).

(5) All statements of warranty or representations of title material
 to, or upon which, any ((such)) sale is consummated.

(6) The gross selling price of ((such)) the livestock with a
 detailed list of all charges deducted therefrom.

3 ((Such)) These records shall be kept by the licensee for one year
4 subsequent to the receipt of such livestock.

5 **Sec. 57.** RCW 16.65.190 and 1983 c 298 s 12 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

No person shall ((hereafter)) operate a public livestock market or special open consignment horse sale unless ((such)) that person has filed a schedule with the application for license to operate ((such)) <u>a</u> public livestock market or special open consignment horse sale. ((Such)) The schedule shall show all rates and charges for stockyard services to be furnished ((by such person)) at ((such)) the public livestock market or special open consignment horse sale.

(1) Schedules shall be posted conspicuously at the public livestock 14 15 market or special open consignment horse sale, and shall plainly state 16 all ((such)) rates and charges in such detail as the director may 17 require, and shall state any rules ((and regulations)) which in any 18 manner change, affect, or determine any part of the aggregate of 19 ((such)) the rates or charges, or the value of the stockyard services 20 The director may determine and prescribe the form and furnished. 21 manner in which ((such)) the schedule shall be prepared, arranged, and 22 posted.

(2) No changes shall be made in rates or charges so filed and
published except after thirty days' notice to the director and to the
public filed and posted as ((aforesaid)) set forth under this section,
which shall plainly state the changes proposed to be made and the time
((such)) the changes will go into effect.

(3) No licensee shall charge, demand, or collect a greater or a 28 lesser or a different compensation for ((such)) a service than the 29 30 rates and charges specified in the schedule filed with the director and 31 in effect at the time; nor shall a licensee refund or remit in any 32 manner any portion of the rates or charges so specified (but this shall not prohibit a cooperative association of producers from properly 33 returning to its members, on a patronage basis, its excess earnings on 34 their livestock); nor shall a licensee extend to any person at ((such)) 35 36 a public livestock market or special open consignment horse sale any

stockyard services except ((such)) as are specified in ((such)) the schedule.

3 **Sec. 58.** RCW 16.65.200 and 1983 c 298 s 13 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

Before the license is issued to operate a public livestock market 5 6 or special open consignment horse sale, the applicant shall execute and 7 deliver to the director a surety bond in a sum as herein provided for, 8 executed by the applicant as principal and by a surety company qualified and authorized to do business in this state as surety. 9 ((Said)) The bond shall be a standard form and approved by the director 10 11 as to terms and conditions. ((Said)) The bond shall be conditioned 12 that the principal will not commit any fraudulent act and will comply with the provisions of this chapter and the rules ((and/or 13 regulations)) adopted ((hereunder. Said)) under this chapter. The 14 bond shall be to the state in favor of every consignor and/or vendor 15 16 creditor whose livestock was handled or sold through or at the 17 licensee's public livestock market or special open consignment horse sale: PROVIDED, That if ((such)) the applicant is bonded as a market 18 19 agency under the provisions of the packers and stockyards act, (7 20 U.S.C. 181) as amended, on March 20, 1961, in a sum equal to or greater 21 than the sum required under the provisions of this chapter, and 22 ((such)) the applicant furnishes the director with a bond approved by 23 the United States secretary of agriculture ((naming the department as 24 trustee)), the director may accept ((such)) the bond and its method of termination in lieu of the bond provided for herein and issue a license 25 26 if ((such)) <u>the</u> applicant meets all the other requirements of this 27 chapter.

The total and aggregate liability of the surety for all claims upon 28 the bond shall be limited to the face of ((such)) the bond. Every bond 29 30 filed with and approved by the director shall, without the necessity of 31 periodic renewal, remain in force and effect until ((such time as)) the license of the licensee is revoked for cause or otherwise canceled. 32 The surety on a bond, as provided herein, shall be released and 33 discharged from all liability to the state accruing on ((such)) the 34 bond upon compliance with the provisions of RCW 19.72.110 concerning 35 36 notice and proof of service, ((as enacted or hereafter amended,)) but 37 this shall not operate to relieve, release, or discharge the surety

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from any liability already accrued or which shall accrue (due and to become due hereunder) before the expiration period provided for in RCW 19.72.110 concerning notice and proof of service ((as enacted or hereafter amended)), and unless the principal shall before the expiration of ((such)) this period, file a new bond, the director shall ((forthwith)) immediately cancel the principal's license.

7 **Sec. 59.** RCW 16.65.235 and 1973 c 142 s 3 are each amended to read 8 as follows:

9 In lieu of the surety bond required under the provisions of this 10 chapter, an applicant or licensee may file with the director a deposit 11 consisting of cash or other security acceptable to the director. The 12 director may adopt rules ((and regulations)) necessary for the 13 administration of such security.

14 **Sec. 60.** RCW 16.65.260 and 1983 c 298 s 14 are each amended to 15 read as follows:

In case of failure by a licensee to pay amounts due a vendor or 16 consignor creditor whose livestock was handled or sold through or at 17 the licensee's public livestock market or special open consignment 18 horse sale, as evidenced by a verified complaint filed with the 19 20 director, the director may proceed ((forthwith)) immediately to 21 ascertain the names and addresses of all vendor or consignor creditors of ((such)) the licensee, together with the amounts due and owing to 22 them and each of them by ((such)) the licensee, and shall request all 23 ((such)) vendor and consignor creditors to file a verified statement of 24 25 their respective claims with the director. ((Such)) This request shall be addressed to each known vendor or consignor creditor at his or her 26 27 last known address.

28 **Sec. 61.** RCW 16.65.270 and 1959 c 107 s 27 are each amended to 29 read as follows:

If a vendor or consignor creditor so addressed fails, refuses or neglects to file in the office of the director his <u>or her</u> verified claim as requested by the director within sixty days from the date of such request, the director shall ((thereupon)) be relieved of further duty or action ((hereunder)) on behalf of ((said)) the producer or consignor creditor.

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1 **Sec. 62.** RCW 16.65.280 and 1959 c 107 s 28 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

Where by reason of the absence of records, or other circumstances 3 making it impossible or unreasonable for the director to ascertain the 4 5 names and addresses of all ((said)) vendor and consignor creditors, the director, after exerting due diligence and making reasonable inquiry to б 7 secure ((said)) the information from all reasonable and available 8 sources, may make demand on ((said)) the bond on the basis of information then in his or her possession, and thereafter shall not be 9 10 liable or responsible for claims or the handling of claims which may subsequently appear or be discovered. 11

12 **Sec. 63.** RCW 16.65.300 and 1959 c 107 s 30 are each amended to 13 read as follows:

Upon the refusal of the surety company to pay the demand, the 14 15 director may ((thereupon)) bring an action on the bond in behalf of 16 ((said)) vendor and consignor creditors. Upon any action being 17 commenced on ((said)) the bond, the director may require the filing of Immediately upon the recovery in any action on ((such)) 18 a new bond. the bond ((such)) the licensee shall file a new bond. Upon failure to 19 20 file the ((same)) <u>new bond</u> within ten days, ((in either case,)) such <u>a</u> 21 failure shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of 22 ((his)) the license.

23 **Sec. 64.** RCW 16.65.340 and 1967 c 192 s 2 are each amended to read 24 as follows:

25 The director shall, when livestock is sold, traded, exchanged, or handled at or through a public livestock market, require such testing, 26 treating, identifying, examining and record keeping of such livestock 27 by a ((deputy)) <u>Washington</u> state <u>licensed</u> and <u>accredited</u> veterinarian 28 29 employed by the market as in the director's judgment may be necessary 30 to prevent the spread of brucellosis, tuberculosis, paratuberculosis, ((hog cholera)) pseudorabies, or any other infectious, contagious, or 31 communicable disease among the livestock of this state. 32 The state veterinarian or his or her authorized representative may conduct 33 34 additional testing and examinations for the same purpose.

1 **Sec. 65.** RCW 16.65.350 and 1959 c 107 s 35 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 (((1) The director shall perform all tests and make all examinations required under the provisions of this chapter and rules 4 and regulations adopted hereunder: PROVIDED, That veterinary 5 inspectors of the United States department of agriculture may be 6 7 appointed by the director to make such examinations and tests as are 8 provided for in this chapter without bond or compensation, and shall have the same authority and power in this state as a deputy state 9 10 veterinarian.

11 (2)) The director shall ((have the responsibility for the 12 direction and control of)) adopt rules regarding sanitary practices 13 $((and))_{\perp}$ health practices and standards_{\perp} and ((for)) the examination of 14 animals at public livestock markets. ((The deputy state veterinarian 15 at any such public livestock market shall notify the licensee or his managing agent, in writing, of insanitary practices or conditions. 16 17 Such deputy state veterinarian shall notify the director if the 18 improper sanitary practices or conditions are not corrected within the time specified. The director shall investigate and upon finding such 19 20 report correct shall take appropriate action to hold a hearing on the 21 suspension or revocation of the licensee's license.))

22 **Sec. 66.** RCW 16.65.380 and 1959 c 107 s 38 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

Public livestock market facilities shall include adequate space and facilities necessary for ((deputy)) <u>market</u>, <u>federal</u>, <u>or</u> state veterinarians to properly carry out their functions as prescribed by law and rules ((and regulations)) adopted ((hereunder)) <u>under law or as</u> <u>prescribed by applicable federal law or regulation</u>.

29 Sec. 67. RCW 16.65.390 and 1959 c 107 s 39 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

Public livestock market facilities 31 shall include space and 32 facilities necessary for ((brand)) livestock inspectors and veterinarians to properly carry out their duties, as provided by law 33 34 and rules ((and regulations)) adopted ((hereunder)) under law, in a 35 safe and expeditious manner.

1 **Sec. 68.** RCW 16.65.400 and 1983 c 298 s 15 are each amended to 2 read as follows:

3 (1) Each public livestock market licensee shall maintain and
4 operate approved weighing facilities for the weighing of livestock at
5 such licensee's public livestock market.

6 (2) All dial scales used by the licensee shall be of adequate size 7 to be readily visible to all interested parties and shall be equipped 8 with a mechanical weight recorder.

9 (3) All beam scales used by the licensee shall be equipped with a 10 balance indicator, a weigh beam and a mechanical weight recorder, all 11 readily visible to all interested parties.

(4) All scales used by the licensee shall be checked for balance at
short intervals during the process of selling and immediately prior to
the beginning of each sale day.

(5) The scale ticket shall have the weights mechanically imprinted upon ((such)) the tickets when the weigh beam is in balance during the process of weighing, and shall be issued in triplicate, for all livestock weighed at a public livestock market. A copy of ((such)) the weight tickets shall be issued to the buyer and seller of the livestock weighed.

21 **Sec. 69.** RCW 16.65.420 and 1991 c 17 s 3 are each amended to read 22 as follows:

23 (1) Any application ((for sales days or days for a new salesyard, 24 and any application)) for a change of sales day or days or additional sales day or days for an existing ((yard)) salesyard shall be subject 25 26 to approval by the director, subsequent to a hearing ((as provided for in this chapter)) and the director is hereby authorized to ((allocate)) 27 28 <u>approve</u> these ((dates and type)) <u>days</u> and class of livestock which may 29 be sold on these ((dates)) <u>days</u>. In considering the ((allocation)) 30 <u>approval or denial</u> of ((such)) <u>these</u> sales days, the director shall 31 give appropriate consideration, among other relevant factors, to the following: 32

33 (a) The geographical area which will be affected;

34 (b) The conflict, if any, with sales days already allocated in the 35 area;

36 (c) The amount and class of livestock available for marketing in 37 the area; 1

(d) Buyers available to such market;

2 (e) Any other conditions affecting the orderly marketing of3 livestock.

4 (2) No special sales shall be conducted by the licensee unless the
5 licensee has applied to the director in writing fifteen days prior to
6 such proposed sale ((and such sale date shall be approved at the
7 discretion of the director)).

8 (3) In any case that a licensee fails to conduct sales on the sales 9 days allocated to the licensee, the director shall, subsequent to a 10 hearing, be authorized to revoke an allocation for nonuse. The rate of 11 usage required to maintain an allocation shall be established by rule.

12 Sec. 70. RCW 16.65.424 and 1963 c 232 s 19 are each amended to 13 read as follows:

The director ((shall have)) has the authority to grant a licensee 14 15 an additional sales day, or days, limited to the sale of horses and/or mules and may if requested grant the licensee, by permit, the authority 16 to have the sale at premises other than at his <u>or her</u> public livestock 17 market if the facilities are approved by the director as being adequate 18 for the protection of the health and safety of ((such)) the horses 19 For the purpose of such limited sale the facility 20 and/or mules. 21 requirements of RCW 16.65.360 shall not be applicable.

22 **Sec. 71.** RCW 16.65.440 and 1959 c 107 s 44 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

Any person who ((shall)) violates any provisions or requirements of this chapter or rules ((and regulations)) adopted by the director ((pursuant to)) under this chapter ((shall be deemed)) is guilty of a gross misdemeanor((; and any subsequent violation thereafter shall be deemed a gross misdemeanor)).

29 **Sec. 72.** RCW 16.65.445 and 1989 c 175 s 55 are each amended to 30 read as follows:

The director shall hold public hearings upon ((a)) any proposal to ((promulgate)) adopt any new or amended ((regulations)) rules and all hearings for the denial, revocation, or suspension of a license issued under this chapter or in any other adjudicative proceeding, and shall comply in all respects with chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative
 Procedure Act.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 73. A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW
 to read as follows:
 Financial statements provided under RCW 16.65.030(1)(d) are exempt
 from disclosure under this chapter.
 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 74. The following acts or parts of acts are
 each repealed:

9 (1) RCW 16.58.010 (Purpose) and 1979 c 81 s 1 & 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 10 1;

11 (2) RCW 16.58.020 (Definitions) and 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 2;

12 (3) RCW 16.58.030 (Rules and regulations--Interference with 13 director proscribed) and 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 3;

14 (4) RCW 16.58.040 (Certified feed lot license--Required--15 Application, contents) and 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 4;

16 (5) RCW 16.58.050 (Certified feed lot license--Fee--Issuance or 17 renewal) and 1997 c 356 s 5, 1997 c 356 s 4, 1994 c 46 s 23, 1994 c 46 18 s 14, 1993 c 354 s 3, 1979 c 81 s 2, & 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 5;

19 (6) RCW 16.58.060 (Certified feed lot license--Expiration--Late 20 renewal) and 1991 c 109 s 10 & 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 6;

(7) RCW 16.58.070 (Certified feed lot license--Denial, suspension, or revocation of--Procedure) and 1989 c 175 s 54 & 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 7;

(8) RCW 16.58.080 (Brand inspection, facilities and help to befurnished for) and 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 8;

(9) RCW 16.58.095 (Brand inspection required for cattle not having
brand inspection certificate) and 1991 c 109 s 11 & 1979 c 81 s 6;

28 (10) RCW 16.58.100 (Audits--Purpose) and 1979 c 81 s 3 & 1971 ex.s. 29 c 181 s 10;

30 (11) RCW 16.58.110 (Records--Examination) and 1991 c 109 s 12 & 31 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 11;

32 (12) RCW 16.58.120 (Records required at each certified feed lot)
 33 and 1991 c 109 s 13 & 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 12;

34(13) RCW 16.58.130 (Feed lots--Fee for each head of cattle35handled--Failure to pay) and 1997 c 356 s 7, 1997 c 356 s 6, 1994 c 46

s 24, 1994 c 46 s 15, 1993 c 354 s 4, 1991 c 109 s 14, 1979 c 81 s 4, 1 2 & 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 13; (14) RCW 16.58.140 (Disposition of fees) and 1979 c 81 s 5 & 1971 3 4 ex.s. c 181 s 14; 5 (15) RCW 16.58.150 (Situations when no brand inspection required) and 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 15; б 7 (16) RCW 16.58.160 (Suspension of license awaiting investigation) and 1991 c 109 s 15 & 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 16; 8 9 (17) RCW 16.58.170 (General penalties -- Subsequent offenses) and 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 17; 10 11 (18) RCW 16.58.900 (Chapter as cumulative and nonexclusive) and 1971 ex.s. c 181 s 18; 12 (19) RCW 16.58.910 (Severability--1971 ex.s. c 181) and 1971 ex.s. 13 c 181 s 19; 14 (20) RCW 16.65.110 (Charge for examining, testing, inoculating, 15 16 etc.--Minimum fee) and 1959 c 107 s 11; 17 (21) RCW 16.65.422 (Special sales of purebred livestock) and 1963 c 232 s 17; 18 (22) RCW 16.65.423 (Limited public livestock market license, sale 19 20 of horses and/or mules--Sales days) and 1983 c 298 s 16 & 1963 c 232 s 18; and 21 22 (23) RCW 16.57.380 (Horses--Mandatory brand inspection points--23 Powers of director) and 1991 c 110 s 8, 1981 c 296 s 22, & 1974 ex.s. 24 c 38 s 1. NEW SECTION. Sec. 75. This act is necessary for the immediate 25

26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the 26 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect 27 July 1, 2003, except for sections 3 and 9 of this act which take effect 28 January 1, 2004.

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