

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1620**

64th Legislature  
2015 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 21, 2015  
Yeas 90 Nays 7

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 38 Nays 10

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1620** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Tharinger, Fey, Lytton, Van De Wege, Stanford, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Cody, Pollet, and Jinkins; by request of Department of Health

Read first time 01/23/15. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

1            AN ACT Relating to increasing the surcharge to fund biotoxin  
2 testing and monitoring; and amending RCW 77.32.555.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.555 and 2009 c 577 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) In addition to the fees authorized in this chapter, the  
7 department shall include a surcharge to fund biotoxin testing and  
8 monitoring by the department of health of beaches used for  
9 recreational shellfishing, and to fund monitoring by the Olympic  
10 region harmful algal bloom program of the Olympic natural resources  
11 center at the University of Washington. The surcharge on recreational  
12 shellfish licenses cannot be increased more than one dollar and can  
13 only be increased when the surcharge for commercial shellfish  
14 licenses is increased. A surcharge of (~~three~~) four dollars applies  
15 to resident and nonresident shellfish and seaweed licenses as  
16 authorized by RCW 77.32.520(3) (a) and (b); a surcharge of (~~two~~)  
17 three dollars applies to resident and nonresident adult combination  
18 licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.470(2)(a); a surcharge of (~~two~~)  
19 three dollars applies to annual resident and nonresident razor clam  
20 licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.520(4); and a surcharge of  
21 (~~one~~) two dollars applies to the three-day razor clam license

1 authorized by RCW 77.32.520(5). Amounts collected from these  
2 surcharges must be deposited in the biotoxin account created in  
3 subsection (3) of this section. The department may not use any  
4 amounts collected from these surcharges to pay for its administrative  
5 costs.

6 (2) Any moneys from surcharges remaining in the general fund—  
7 local account after the 2007-2009 biennium must be transferred to the  
8 biotoxin account created in subsection (3) of this section and be  
9 credited to the appropriate institution. The department of health and  
10 the University of Washington shall, by December 1st of each year,  
11 provide a letter to the relevant legislative policy and fiscal  
12 committees on the status of expenditures. This letter shall include,  
13 but is not limited to, the annual appropriation amount, the amount  
14 not expended, account fund balance, and reasons for not spending the  
15 full annual appropriation.

16 (3) The biotoxin account is created in the state treasury to be  
17 administered by the department of health. All moneys received under  
18 subsection (1) of this section must be deposited in the account and  
19 used by the department of health and the University of Washington as  
20 required by subsection (1) of this section. Of the moneys deposited  
21 into the account, one hundred fifty thousand dollars per year must be  
22 made available to the University of Washington to implement  
23 subsection (1) of this section. Moneys in the account may be spent  
24 only after appropriation.

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