

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6369

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning certificates of veterinary inspection for animals brought into the state.

Sponsors: Senators Warnick and Van De Wege; by request of Department of Agriculture.

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

Background: The Director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is authorized to adopt rules that prevent the introduction and spread of infectious diseases into the state. This includes the authority to adopt rules regarding the inspection and testing of all animals in the state or being imported into the state. The WSDA may charge a time and mileage fee for livestock inspections and investigations of \$85 per hour, plus mileage. The WSDA has the authority to raise this fee by rule.

It is unlawful for a person to bring livestock into Washington without first obtaining a certificate of veterinary inspection verifying that the animals meet Washington's health requirements. This requirement does not apply to animals that will be delivered to a feed lot, slaughter plant, or livestock market within 12 hours of importation.

Summary: The exemption from obtaining a certificate of veterinary inspection for animals that will be delivered to a feed lot for slaughter or to an approved, inspected feed lot for slaughter is removed.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0
House	98	0

Effective: June 7, 2018

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