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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5513**

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**By** Senate Committee on Agriculture & Agricultural Trade & Development  
(originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Bauer, Morton,  
Snyder, Fairley, Swecker, Drew, Wood, Haugen and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to lost and unclaimed horses; amending RCW  
2 16.24.130 and 16.24.150; providing an expiration date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.24.130 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 7 s 16 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 The brand inspector shall cause to be published once in a newspaper  
8 published in the county where the animal was found, a notice of the  
9 impounding.

10 The notice shall state:

11 (1) A description of the animal, including brand, tattoo or other  
12 identifying characteristics;

13 (2) When and where found;

14 (3) Where impounded; and

15 (4) That if unclaimed, the animal will be sold at a public  
16 livestock market sale or other public sale, and the date of such sale:  
17 PROVIDED, That if no newspaper shall be published in such county,  
18 copies of the notice shall be posted at four commonly frequented places  
19 therein.

1 If the animal is marked with a brand or tattoo which is registered  
2 with the director of agriculture, the brand inspector, on or before the  
3 date of publication or posting, shall send a copy of the notice to the  
4 owner of record by registered mail.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 16.24.150 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 7 s 17 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 If no person shall claim the animal within ten days after the date  
8 of publication or posting of the notice, it shall be sold at the next  
9 succeeding public livestock market sale to be held at the sales yard  
10 where impounded, provided that in the director's discretion the  
11 department of agriculture may otherwise cause the animal to be sold at  
12 public sale.

13 The legislature intends this to be a clarification of existing law;  
14 therefore, this section shall have retroactive effect as of December 1,  
15 1994.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall expire on  
17 July 1, 1995.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
21 effect immediately.

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