
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6731

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Agriculture (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Mulliken and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to standards and grades for fruits and vegetables;
2 amending RCW 15.17.050; 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 15.17.050 and 1998 c 154 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The director shall adopt rules providing standards for apples,
8 apricots, Italian prunes, peaches, sweet cherries, pears, potatoes, and
9 asparagus, except for asparagus shipped out-of-state for fresh packing,
10 and may adopt rules providing standards for any other fruit or
11 vegetable. When establishing these standards, the director shall
12 consider the factors of maturity, soundness, color, shape, size, and
13 freedom from mechanical and plant pest injury and other factors
14 important to marketing.

15 (2) The director shall adopt rules providing for mandatory
16 inspection of apples, apricots, Italian prunes, peaches, sweet
17 cherries, pears, and asparagus and may adopt rules providing for
18 mandatory inspection of any other fruit or vegetable.

19 (3) The director may adopt rules:

1 (a) Fixing the sizes and dimensions of containers to be used for
2 the packing or handling of any fruits or vegetables; and

3 (b) Establishing combination grades for fruits and vegetables. The
4 standards for combination grades shall, by percentage quantities,
5 include two or more of the grades provided for under this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act expires December 31,
7 2005.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
11 immediately.

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